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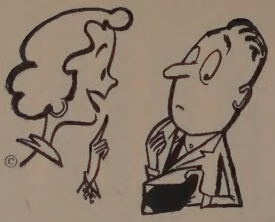

THE QUESTION

LIFE HASN'T BEEN quite the same since the Sunday I got home from church a my bride of four months asked, "Did you pray for me at church?"

I was stunned by the question and much ashamed of my answer. "No, I didn' I said weakly. "I forgot. I just didn't think of it."

"Well, what do you go to church for? I pray for you when I go to church. A I pray that we'll have a strong healthy baby." Her tone wasn't one of rebuke, j amazement.

FOR A WEEK she had been sick in bed with terrific pain—a kidney infection addi to recurring troubles she was having during pregnancy. But at the end of the we she improved noticeably.

Sunday, I went off to church and pretty much unthinkingly went through t service. After nearly 20 years, it had become simply reciting from memory.

Then, I got the question, "Did you pray for me at church?"

It was a jolt that made me realize my worshiping had been just singing hym and responses, following Scripture readings and listening to a sermon. I had forgott to thank God for my blessings and ask God to give strength to the sick and troubl

Maybe that question's what we all need—a wife, a friend or even the world its asking, "Did you pray for me?"

—DICK COWEN

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEW

Council tables Reinartz plea

The president's report at the annual meetings of the National Lutheran Council usually doesn't get much attention. Commissioners at this month's Atlantic City session felt that Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz's plea for all-Lutheran union was an exception that demanded some reply. They set a precedent in naming a special committee to study it.

With seven of the eight member bodies well advanced on two separate roads to merger, commissioners were in no mood to "sabotage" these efforts. With little dissent, they approved the committee's decision that the Reinartz proposal was "constitutionally outside the competence" of the council. The committee recommended that the president's suggestion should be "received and spread on the minutes as an expression of conscientious convictions to which we have listened with respect and attention."

All-Lutheran meeting planned

Though organic union may be distant, world conditions make it urgent for Lutherans to strengthen their co-operative efforts, Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director, told the commissioners. The council adopted his proposal to call a meeting of representatives of all 16 U.S. Lutheran bodies to discuss present and future programs "in the light of contemporary ecclesiastical and international developments."

This kind of discussion can be carried on without compromise of doctrinal principles, Dr. Empie declared. He cal the church's "visible disunity para before the world" a major hindrance to effective witness. The meeting wo consider whether the pattern of Luthe co-operation in the U.S. provides adequate means for meeting to the utm our responsibilities in witnessing to Gospel," he said. The "changing pictu because of mergers, the increasing r of the Lutheran World Federation, a the need for effective co-ordination w other Protestant churches could also considered, he suggested.

Largest group outside the council the Lutheran Church—Missouri Syn which works with the council in minis to military personnel, overseas relief a refugee projects.

Colleges called pagan

"A new era of pagan religiosity" arising among college students, acco ing to Dr. Donald R. Heiges, head of t council's Division of College and U versity Work.

Students are no longer "searching the answers to ultimate questions," asserted. "Crowding our campuses n are hundreds of thousands of studen who have no questions, or whose que tions move only on the plane of a luc tive career and comfortable family life To meet this pagan challenge, Christi witness by students, professors and a ministrators is increasingly necessary, claimed.

Plans to accent scientific study in c

s came under fire from Dr. Henry J. ting, secretary of the NLC Welfare sion. Such emphasis "may in the run seriously jeopardize the very ities we seek to protect," he said. a world that is in danger of losing oul" students require a "well-balanced cational program to give them the ngth, stability and creativity needed the solution of human problems."

RILLING TO BE CHAPLAIN

Dr. John W. Rilling, pastor of St. John's urch, Minneapolis, will be chaplain of 1958 ULCA convention at Dayton, Ohio, t. 8-15. Announcement of the Minnesota tor's appointment was made this month Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, ULCA president. ormer president of the Board of Parish ucation, Dr. Rilling is now on the Execu- Board. In 1951 and 1952 he was acher for the nationwide Sunday Vespers adcast on the ABC network. A native Ohio, Dr. Rilling served parishes in Ver- les, Lakewood and Springfield until led to Minneapolis in 1945.

Elected for third term

Dr. Reinartz, ULC secretary since 1947, was returned to office for his third one-year term as NLC president. Also re-elected were Dr. Norman A. Menter of the American Lutheran Church as vice president; Dr. Raymond Olson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as secretary; and Mr. Fred C. Eggerstedt, ULC layman, as treasurer.

Called to head the council's Division of Public Relations was the Rev. Philip A. Johnson, Augustana pastor who has served interracial Salem Church in Chicago since 1949. In the same division, Miss Betty Barth of Indianapolis was named to direct radio and TV work. She now heads the radio and TV program for Indianapolis public schools.

In other fields, the council:

—Adopted a strongly worded statement calling on all churches to open their doors to people of all races. Excluding persons because of color, culture, class or caste is a "sin against God and man," it said.

—Heard a plan for "roving service pastors" to minister to isolated military units in outpost positions.

—Learned that the film *Martin Luther* had been widely distributed abroad and was now released for general television use.

—Was told that its member bodies had established a record 160 new mission congregations in 1957. United Lutherans led with 75.

Chides American fears

The cold war struggle with Russia "determines . . . our belief and thinking" to an appalling extent, Dr. Jerald C. Brauer, dean of the theological faculty at the University of Chicago and a United Lutheran churchman, told a Chicago conference of clergymen this month. He said it was

"almost as though by a perverse twist of history we are more concerned about our competition with Russia than we are about our stance before God."

Reaction to the Soviet lead in satellite development shows us to be "a nation of contemptuous pride and self-assurance," Dr. Brauer continued. "The sputniks show us to be a frustrated and insecure people. In fact, we even appear to be a fearful people. Our childish reactions to the Russian discoveries seriously question our ability to exercise responsible world leadership at this time of crisis."

If people search for "security" in religion only because of their fears or perils, they are misusing religion, the theologian said. "If we cannot find a standard by which to judge ourselves except the Russian competition . . . Christianity . . . cannot avoid crying idolatry."

Church building boom foreseen

Church construction will soar for the next ten years, a forecast by *Architectural Forum* magazine predicted. Total U.S. expenditures for religious edifices will be $920 million in 1958, a gain of six per cent over last year's record, it said. Building will continue at high levels, with an anticipated total of $900 million in 1962 and a peak of $950 million in 1967.

The magazine's "fabulous" and "dazzling" forecast was based on an economic survey of population growth and movement. It found the only "troubling question" whether the economy can supply the men and materials needed to make the goals attainable.

January building starts reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce and Labor supported the prophecy. January total for construction of new religious buildings was $68 million, topping by $1 million last year's record for the month.

Asks segregation repeal

South African laws which prevent mission of non-whites to church-opera private schools should be repealed, A lican Archbishop Joost de Blank rec mended this month. It was his sec attack on the country's *apartheid* la He had earlier struck at the Group Ar Act, which limits the sections in wh whites and non-whites may live.

With legal barriers removed, chu groups would have freedom to find a w "by which all races can come toget in our schools and other cultural inst tions," the archbishop declared. If est lished institutions were unwilling change, "we would establish new inst tions where children of all races co attend schools together," he suggested

"In the rest of the civilized world, p ple are brought together by a commu of interests," the archbishop contin "To suppose that this community of terest is limited to people of one co is wrong."

Wants archbishop deported

Dr. de Blank's appeal coincided w attacks on his anti-*apartheid* stand South Africa's Senate and House Assembly.

Noting that after only three mo in the country, the archbishop had come chairman of the "Treason T Defense Fund" which provides legal h to people charged with opposition to government's racial segregation polic Assemblyman P. J. Coetzee sugges that the churchman be deported.

"I feel the time has come when G eral Smuts' policy of shoot first and questions afterward should be appli the assembly member said. "South Af has had its fill of de Blanks, Reeves Huddlestons. People of this type, incl ing the archbishop, should be deport

ULC Executive Board Meets in New Quarters
Addition to New York's Church House was scene of January session

the senate, Minister of External irs E. H. Louw described the arch- op as "a good recruiting agent for wingers who have inspired a world- campaign against South Africa."

consin town bars church

Milwaukee suburb is trying "to e the Lord down by the railroad ," declared Paul Konnor, attorney the Lake Drive Baptist Church in lential Bayside. The village board e refused a building permit for the ch, which wanted to construct its ce on seven lots zoned for residence only. Property zoned "institutional" "substandard," Mr. Konnor said. efusal to permit the building was a rier to the freedom of worship," said Rev. Wilson Martin, church pastor. aid the congregation would carry its to the "highest court." The village no churches.

eighboring River Hills took similar n, refused permission for building a gogue on grounds that it would be mental to the village's safety and ral welfare. Reform Congregation Sinai had purchased a seven-acre plot. The village is zoned for five-acre residential building, has only two churches.

In Appleton a hole in the ground marks the projected building of a Church of the Open Bible. The 50-member group had planned a $50,000 building and dug the foundation when residents obtained a permanent injunction to bar construction. The court upheld their claim that the building would violate deed restrictions.

Seminary can build

Construction resumed last month on a dormitory building for married students at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. The American Lutheran Church institution's building had been halted last year when neighbors got a restraining order, charging violation of zoning ordinances. The building is one of four planned by the seminary.

Jehovah's Witnesses did not fare so well. Their efforts to build a church in Bethel, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, suburb, had been foiled by borough officials who charged that it would create traffic

congestion and who said nearby residents objected to it. Charging an "unbearable burden upon freedom of religion" the Witnesses, who do not believe in allegiance to secular governments, appealed the issue all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court saw no "substantial federal question" involved, upheld the local courts.

Pike to California

Dean James A. Pike of New York's Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine this month accepted election as bishop of his church's California diocese. The 44-year-old churchman will serve as coadjutor with retiring Bishop Karl Morgan Block for six months, then take over the bishopric fully on Dec. 28.

Dean Pike has gained nationwide prominence through his books and television appearances. Brought up as a Roman Catholic, he practiced law in Washington, D. C. His religious views changed and after war service he studied for the priesthood, was ordained in 1946. He has since 1949 been head of the department of religion at Columbia University, where he is a professor of religion and law. He became dean of the cathedral in 1952.

Rocket scientist expresses faith

Every true scientist is basically a religious man, rocket developer Werner von Braun says in a biography published in London this month. Daniel Lang quotes the former German scientist, who is now a regular attendant at the United Lutheran congregation in Huntsville, Alabama, U.S. Army missile center, as saying that only faith offers a solution to the problems that face the world. "As long as we have national sovereignty, our only hope lies in raising the ethical standards of all men," Dr. von Braun continues.

"The more one studies the natural
ences, the more clearly one knows that
most startling discoveries are only a s
of man's ignorance and weakness,"
scientist is reported to have said. "Scie
in the end leads one to trust in God."

Churches report relief gifts

As this year's united "One Great H
of Sharing" appeal neared, church re
agencies announced the results of t
1957 work.

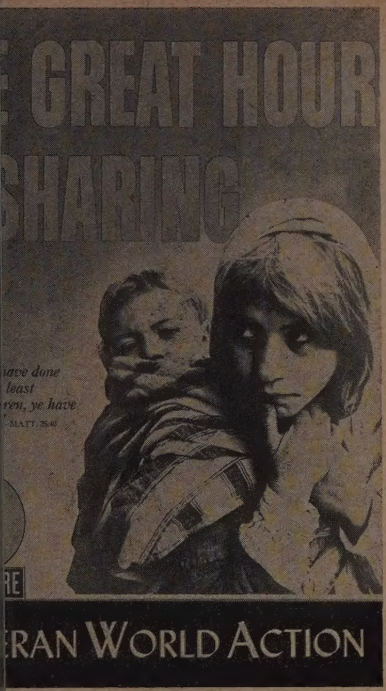
Lutheran World Relief for the f
consecutive year was able to set a
high mark in the amount of food, m
cines and clothing sent to needy pers
abroad, Bernard A. Confer, execu
secretary, told the National Luthe
Council meeting. Shipments to thirt
countries of Europe, the Middle East
Far East totaled 119,567,299 pounds
were valued at more than $15 million

Bulk of the 1957 food shipments,
Confer said, was U.S. governm
donated surplus food, including powde
milk, butter, butter oil, cheese, cornm
beans, rice and flour. The church age
must pay shipping and distribution c
for these items.

Church World Service, internatio
relief arm of the National Council
Churches, sent 183,000 tons of food
other relief supplies overseas in 19
Dr. R. Norris Wilson, CWS execu
secretary, reported this month.

Appeal set for March 16

Lutheran World Action is again
operating in the "One Great Hour"
peal this year, the Rev. Rollin G. Shaf
promotional secretary, said. Sund
March 16, has been set by Church Wo
Service as the date for the tenth ann
observance of this effort, in which
Protestant and Eastern Orthodox c
munions unite. Total funds sought



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LWA joins in "One Great Hour"

.4 million, including the $3,610,000 as this year's LWA goal.

Major emphasis on LWA will be on first Sunday in May, Mr. Shaffer ssed. The biggest beneficiaries of the A funds will be world missions, to ch $1,075,000 has been allotted, and ice to refugees, which will get $900,-. Lutheran World Relief will receive 0,000 for processing and distributing hing, food and other supplies. Min- to men and women in the armed es will get $355,000.

he ULC share in the appeal this year been set at $1,729,800.

sion gains cited

he two-year evangelism mission ughout the ULC brought 97,229 commitments, Dr. Robert W. Stackel reported to a conference of evangelism leaders at Detroit last week. Of these, 58,153 were adults, ready to become members.

More than 91 per cent of the ULC membership took part in some way in the campaign, he said. Lay visitors called on 289,921 prospects. Nearly 82 per cent of the ULC's 4,447 congregations joined in 198 area missions.

During the next two years the ULC will emphasize year-round evangelism missions in synods and congregations. A surplus of $121,093 from offerings at area missions will provide enough funds to cover the 1958 special evangelism budget. Dr. Stackel is completing his work as director of the Board of Social Missions Evangelism Department, will next month become pastor of Trinity Church, Akron, Ohio.

And so forth

Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches convened in London, England, Feb. 10-14. Presiding was Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, ULCA president and WCC committee chairman.

The Rev. Raymond Tiemeyer, administrative assistant to Dr. Fry, reported 112 ULC pastors serving as chaplains in the armed forces at the close of 1957. Twelve had left the services during the last six months of the year, and two entered.

An assembly of 550 members of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect was evicted from a National Guard armory at Henderson, Texas, on order of Gen. Sidney Albert Johnson, Texas Guard commander. The sect's refusal to salute the flag or serve in the armed forces made its presence in the armory "incongruous," he said. Witnesses termed the eviction "humiliating and untimely."

WASHINGTON

By ROBERT VAN DEUSEN

FOREIGN POLICY REVIEW

THE MAKING OF foreign policy is the business of the Secretary of State and the State Department, with the President holding the power of final decision. In recent years, Congress has played an increasing part in determining the general direction of American policy abroad.

By special studies, committee hearings, and floor debate, Congress has crystallized public opinion on particular issues. Congressional committees on foreign affairs have played a strong advisory role.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted recently to conduct a full-scale review of foreign policy, the most comprehensive undertaken in recent years. Its purpose will be to search for some effective answers to the Soviet challenge. The agenda will range from the relative military, political, and economic strength of the U.S. and Russia to our relationships in other critical areas of the world.

The study was proposed by a bipartisan subcommittee headed by Senator Fulbright. Action approving the review was taken after the Senate had heard a special report from Senator Ellender, who had just returned from his third trip to Russia in three successive years.

Ellender report

SENATOR ELLENDER recommended that the U.S. should "re-examine its approach to the waging of cold war" and take a new look at our whole foreign policy. He proposed that the U.S. abandon all t ditional propaganda from future overs information programs, and should e phasize instead the accurate, factual porting of news and conditions in Free World.

Ellender said that no reference to co munism as such should be permitted "Voice of America" broadcasts. "Eve effort should be made to depict obj tively the enormous advantages of way of life," he advised, "without paraging the system presently in effect the Soviet Union or behind the iron c tain."

Four other steps which Ellen recommended were: (1) an expan and realistic exchange of persons w the Soviet Union; (2) willingness to m with leaders of iron curtain countri and to hold summit talks; (3) reliar on technical aid in small, underdevelo countries, as opposed to creating f fledged modern armies in such areas, a (4) immediate steps to solve the Ar Israeli dispute.

FOLLOWING THE ACTION of the Sen Foreign Relations Committee, its cha man, Theodore Francis Green, said t the initial hearing dealing with milit matters would be closed, but that m of the ensuing hearings would be op to the public. Both administration w nesses and "knowledgeable persons fr outside the government" will be called to testify before the committee.

It has not been decided as yet whet church leaders will be among those w are invited to testify. Much of the te mony will be of a technical nature and specific subjects. It is possible that n the end of the hearings, opportunity w be given for unsolicited testimony on t general effectiveness of U.S. forei policy.

RONGEST WALLS ARE NOT BUILT OF IRON OR STEEL
T ARE CREATED BY FEAR, HATE AND PREJUDICE.
RISTIANS CAN BREAK THEM DOWN BECAUSE THEY KNOW

Forgiveness Is Love in Action

RALPH W. LOEW

OME YEARS AGO a family in a little o town had an argument. The only arkable thing about it was that it ed for decades. The husband and wife v a line down the middle of their se and from that day until death e, they never spoke a word to each r. He brought the money home and ed it over the line. She cooked the l and pushed it over the line. So they tinued to exist in a loveless home, tragic caricature of what happens n people forget the meaning of the d "forgiveness."

Ve live in a time when it is easy to petuate the lines which divide people. es economic, color, cultural, social, cational and racial are effectively vn. They aren't walls of iron or steel. they keep persons from understand- one another. Somewhere we need word that will restore man to what s meant to be.

UCH A WORD is forgiveness. Forgive- means to restore. It is not shrugging s shoulder and acting as though it n't matter. It isn't being soft or senti- ntal. It's not being forgetful or casual ut relationships. Forgiveness is love ction, the restoring of immortality to dead relationships which have all too n devastated our world.

Loew is pastor of Holy Trinity Church, alo, and a frequent contributor to these s.

Two factors stand in the way of a practical application of forgiveness for most people—pride and fear. The old unwillingness to seem to give in, to lose face, and the desire to protect one's self will deaden many a relationship. "When he speaks to me, then I'll speak" or "I've done my part—let him do his." Comments such as these are the dodges we use to hide behind our unwillingness to forsake a kind of personal pride. In the end it leaves us with broken, dull, unforgiven relationships.

The other problem is a kind of unreasoning fear, an unwillingness to try to understand. So, we sit in armed camps, afraid of each other and afraid of ourselves, afraid to venture in the miracle of breaking through the treacherous horror that besets mankind.

IF THERE is any wiping out of fear and pride possible in this world, it is through the active, intelligent use of love. Unless you can put this principle of forgiveness to work in international relationships, in national problems, in domestic situations, there's no sense wasting time talking of spiritual truth. Churches aren't in the world to be mere symbols of outmoded ideals. They are here to be an effective witness to a living truth. Someone has to break through the impasse. Someone has to be creative enough to handle the issue. Someone has to be on the aggressive side for truth.

This is what the principle of forgive-

ness stakes out. Here is the Christ who taught us to pray, "Forgive as we forgive." He was never on the defensive. He lived so openly, so effectively, so honestly that in the end pride and fear had to try to get rid of him. When Peter asked him the limits of forgiveness, he told his disciple to try forgiving a person 490 times!

That's why being held by a great faith doesn't necessarily make a person comfortable or at peace. It's liable to disturb him, and make him ashamed for his complacency with broken situations, send him out to get effectively to work. It upsets his old content. Real religion is like that, effective living is like that, and vital concern is like that.

WE PRAY THAT GOD forgives us just as we forgive. The truth is that God forgives, for it is the nature of God to forgive. When I know that, then I can forget to be either afraid or proud and just get out into this world in some kind of free, untrammeled service that matches an ancient fear with creative imagination. Just complaining at the ineffectiveness of international organizations won't do it. Just finding flaws in the efforts of adventuring mankind won't do it. Just wishing that we could somehow get along without the rest of the world won't turn the trick. It will take the effective breaking through, believing in truth enough to be a witness for truth, intelligent enough to be a realist about forgiveness.

There's an old story that's worth retelling. When Hell Gate Bridge was being built over the East River in New York, the engineers discovered an old derelict wreck which kept them from sinking important piers for the bridge. They tried all the known ways to move that old wreck and nothing would budge it. Yet if the bridge was to be built, that

old wreckage had to be gotten out of way. Finally, one creative mind hit u an idea. He took a large flatboat, chai the old sunken wreckage when the was low, and then waited for the tid do its work. Slowly the tidal ener lifted the flatboat and the old derelict unleashed from the mud which had h it for so long. Then it was towed ou sea and allowed to be unchained.

Too many bridges across the proble of society are being blocked by the unforgiven derelicts. Someone must God's power to lift the wreckage make it possible for the bridge to be bu Said Jesus "Pray like this, Forgive Lord as we forgive."

ne Step Away From Christ

MAUD POWLAS

Many Japanese are close to the Christian religion but hesitate to confess Jesus as their Saviour

ONE MORE STEP—and I would be a ristian," Mr. Sato, superintendent of uddhist orphanage in Kumamoto, told roup of social welfare workers in the ce at Jiai-En.

He explained how, as a university stu- t, he had attended a Bible class to n English. His emotions had become aroused that he quit the class for fear he would yield to the influence of ist.

Quitting the class did not free him from sistent nagging at his conscience. For y years he had not been able to re- Christianity, he stated. Yet there something within him that refused to nit him to accept Christ as his iour.

MR. TOMOBAYASHI, superintendent of Gaku-En, an orphanage started by father after the Russo-Japanese war, with head bent as in a trance, listen- to the bold witness of this near-Chris- . He got up, walked across the room, bowed graciously before me. "I, too," aid, "am only one step from Christ. en I was a boy the Lutherans held day school in my father's orphanage, I attended. Many of the teachings rned in that school. In my classes as gh-school teacher I use the Bible as guide in running my orphanage," he "I would like to thank each one who ht in that school, and I wish I were brave enough to take that one more step to Christ."

YEAR BY YEAR I realize more fully that winning men to Christ—in a land where traditions, culture, and customs are foreign and often hostile to Christianity—is an intricate, delicate art. A farmer plants seed in the soil and in due season expects to harvest grain. But a missionary may not live to see the fruits of his labors.

Even today much of a missionary's effort must of necessity be spent in preparing the soil—inoculating it with the Gospel—in the hope that his labors may help the next sower's seed to germinate. Man's ability to resist the call of God and to hold out against the pleadings of the Holy Spirit is beyond understanding.

THERE ARE VOICES nowadays saying, "Japan is too sophisticated to try Christianity." Others tell us that the Japanese are a nation of fadists. They plunge into one fad after another. Like "pachinko" (a game of chance that swept the nation after the war), they say, Christianity has gone out of style.

The missionary is no longer needed, some boldly assert, even to teach English. It is time for him to pack up his Bibles and go by sad, slow boat back to his native country.

Similar statements greeted me when I arrived in Japan forty years ago. But when one walks about the streets or reads the newspapers, a very critical mood

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Powlas is superintendent of Colony of and Mercy Orphanage in Kumamoto.

CHRISTMAS IN A COTTAGE AT THE ORPHANS' HOME
Everybody celebrates — but the meaning is not clear

seizes one's heart and brings forth the exclamation, "One more step to Christ—but what a step!" Yet in present-day Japan there is so much to warm a prewar Christian's heart.

THE ATTITUDE of the Japanese has undergone a tremendous change. As these near-Christians increase in number the nation's thinking will definitely move nearer the Christian goal. In government relations, suspicions of other nations have decreased, and good will toward all men has increased. The concept of sharing what one has with less fortunate people has grown amazingly. *"America Damashii"*—the American spirit, meaning the spirit of sharing—has become a slogan, my co-workers tell me, rivaling the prewar *"Nippon Damashii"* slogan that was used to heighten the war effort. "We must learn to give like the Americans share," they say.

The most noticeable change, to me, however, is that public opinion has found a voice. Even in the country districts the voice of the people has lost some of its timidity and is being raised for the benefit of the community. Newspapers boldly speak out against vice, even among high officials, and apparently refuse to be hushed.

Two main reasons are usually given for thinking Christianity is on the wane: 1) the tremendous increase this year in the number who made the annual pilgrimage to Shinto shrines. 2) A reported decrease in enthusiasm for Christmas displays in Japanese stores this past holiday season.

Santa Claus, judging by his depleted numbers in the streets of Kumamoto, definitely suffered reverses this past Christmas. Also the cabarets and dance halls—whose wild all-night celebration of Christmas Eve exhausted the police force of the nation in 1956—closed at midnight in 1957 by special enactment

The question is, are these signs of the cline of Christianity or are they signs a returned prosperity and a purifying the meaning of Christmas? Christmas pping was greater than ever, reaching climax on Dec. 24, the newspapers ted. To those of us who experienced prewar stress on New Year's celebrans, this change in emphasis is miracus.

MANY JAPANESE explain the change by ing that "Japanese celebrate Christs without Christ." It seems so. Yet erywhere the Word of God goes, the ly Spirit has a chance of access. And Word of God is being broadcast by lio (practically every program on ristmas Day pertained to Christmas) newspapers, and by songs. Presenty Japanese youth are being conditioned accept Christmas not only as a hisical fact but as a time of joy, a time sharing, a time of peace on earth, od will toward men.

The Christmas carols usually broadcast all department stores during December re off at Taiyo one day when I went pping. As I rounded the corner to a luded nook in the store, I heard a very asant tenor voice singing "O Little wn of Bethlehem" in Japanese. A ng clerk, busy straightening yardds between customers, was filling in interrupted broadcast from his own mory.

Christmas morning I was catching the at o'clock train to spend the day with young missionaries in Kumamoto. cement floor of the station had just n sloshed with freezing water and its coldness had seeped through the thin s of my "Sunday shoes" and frosted Christmas spirit.

uddenly, at my elbow I thought, there a soft trilly whistling of "Joy to the World" that warmed my heart. A ten-year-old, in brand-new school uniform, stood open-mouthed, staring through the smoky window, his short upper lip making it impossible for him to do any real whistling.

As whistling is not an easily acquired accomplishment among Japanese, I searched from mouth to mouth trying to locate the serenader. Finally, I saw the throat of the lad, clucking in and out to the tune of that exhilarating song of joy. The tune went out through his prominent teeth, but there is great possibility that the sacred words may remain etched upon his memory.

NEXT GENERATION

They're learning to know Christ through agencies dedicated to love and service

WITH SO MANY apparent aids in Christianizing Japan, missionaries of every denomination are puzzled to know why the church membership shows so little increase. It may be that this soul-winning business, also, needs motivation research —depth probing to analyze our present evangelizing techniques and tell us why we cannot persuade the Mr. Sato's and the Prof. Tomobayashi's to take that one short step to Christ. Or if they take the final step why is it that they blackslide so easily.

Some zealous missionaries of certain denominations decided the trouble is caused by Japanese pastors' and older missionaries' leniency toward the nativ customs and religions, especially in fu nerals. They soon found, however, tha a ruthless trampling of traditions als turned the people away.

Every missionary knows that the block age to his message is that age-old conflic of evil against good. He knows, too, th this block can only be removed by th power of God working in the lives of th individual Japanese. But he is anxio to present this gospel message in such way that these near-Christians may da to defy their own traditions and spea out boldly for the truth smoldering their hearts.

Where Are the Lutherans?

Population study shows most of them concentrate in belt stretching from Pennsylvania to Minneso

WHERE ARE the Lutherans in America? All over, you could say. You'd be right, but that answer wouldn't give the real picture. For about two-thirds of all American Lutherans are bunched in only a dozen Middle Atlantic and North Central states.

Up to now it hasn't been easy to tell just how Lutherans are distributed, state by state. That is because there are sixteen separate bodies of Lutherans in the United States and Canada, overlapping in nearly every area. Each makes its own annual report of membership. These now add up to a total of more than seven and a half millions. Usually it is only the total figure for each church that gets into the news.

By SIGURD B. HAGEN

But now we are getting a break-dow The National Lutheran Council's Di sion of Home Missions will complete, l this spring, a nationwide county-l county church distribution study show Lutheran strength in comparison to otl churches. Many state reports have be issued already—enough to give a pre clear national view.

MORE LUTHERANS (861,643) live Pennsylvania than in any other st the study shows. Yet Lutherans "stronger" in states like Minnesota, W consin and North Dakota, where outnumber all other Protestant groups

Most Lutheran churches are in tions settled extensively by Germans Scandinavians who brought the Chu of the Reformation with them. Ger

MAP OF UNITED STATES AND CANADA WITH THE AREA OF EACH STATE AND PROVINCE PROPORTIONATE TO THE NUMBER OF LUTHERAN RESIDENTS

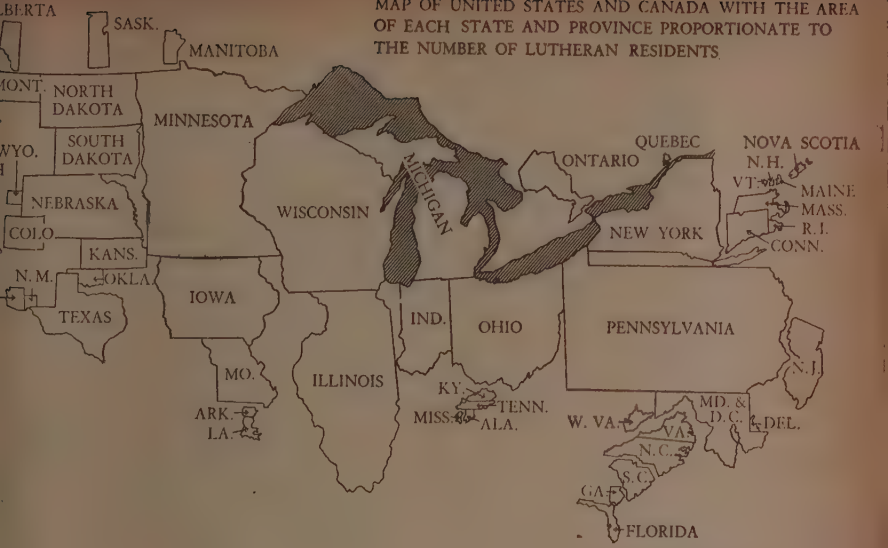


Chart is from the Lutheran Brotherhood "Bond"

l Scandinavian names still predomin- among American Lutherans, although re is a generous sprinkling of those of h, Spanish or Italian origin.

he NLC reports place Lutheran em- sis on church statistics compiled ear- by the Bureau of Research and Sur- of the National Council of Churches. tabular form, they compare total rch membership with population in n county; then give the numbers of nan Catholics, Protestants and Jews; the numbers of Lutheran and non- heran Protestants.

utheran membership is also compared ach county to the membership of the e largest Protestant denominations. lly, Lutheran membership is tab- ed by groups — United Lutheran, ngelical Lutheran, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, American Evangelical heran, United Evangelical Lutheran, ustana Lutheran, Wisconsin Synod. ni Synod. Membership in six smaller ps is lumped in an "other" column.

A GREAT DEAL of information pertinent to Lutherans is available for any county. Let's look, for example, at Champaign County, Illinois, where the University of Illinois campus spreads over the two largest towns, Champaign and Urbana.

The county's population is 106,100, of which 45,107 or 42.5 per cent are "churched." There are 13,478 Roman Catholics (estimated), 31,219 Protestants and 410 Jews. Unchurched population is 60,993.

"Mission responsibility," a figure that includes any non-Christians with the unchurched, is 61,403 or 57.9 per cent of the total population.

Only 4,618 of the Protestants are Lutherans. There are 12,849 Methodists, 3,285 Disciples of Christ, and 3,107 Presbyterians.

Note that "mission responsibility" column. *Whose* responsibility? The question is raised in the introduction to each NLC state report.

"If the Lutheran Church is strong in a

county that is 75 per cent unchurched," it asks, "does this mean that the Lutherans should accept special responsibility in that county? Or, if the Methodists have over half of the members in a highly unchurched county, and the Lutherans have no church there, does this mean that the Lutherans should start a mission?

THE CHAMPAIGN STATISTICS are quoted to show the scope of the information given, not to suggest any particular conclusions for that county. One might safely assume, however, that Champaign Lutherans share with other denominations in concern for the more than 60,000 persons who don't belong to any church. And it should be noted that the report shows no Lutheran mission started in Champaign County since 1945.

The meaning of the statistics for any county may be modified by other factors not shown in this report. But churches can't plan ahead without knowing just where they stand now.

Highlights from the state reports issued thus far:

PENNSYLVANIA: 861,643 Lutherans out of 2,957,465 Protestants, and about 92 per cent of these in the United Lutheran Church. In 33 of the 67 counties the Lutheran church is largest of all Protestant denominations. In four (Adams, Berks, Carbon and Lehigh) there are more Lutherans than all other Protestants combined. Protestants claim 28.2 per cent of the state's 10,498,012 population. There are 4,319,553 unchurched.

NEW YORK: Protestants are outnumbered by both the Roman Catholic and Jewish population, and the number of unchurched is higher than the reported membership of any one of the three faiths. Lutherans with 354,831 members are third in Protestant (1,933,496) strength. Methodists and the Protestant Episcopal Church rank first and second.

The majority of Lutheran strength is concentrated in the United Lutheran Church which has 202,775 members in 318 congregations. Second is the Missouri Synod with 104,784 members in 200 congregations, and the Augustana Lutheran Church is third with 19,56 members in 39 congregations.

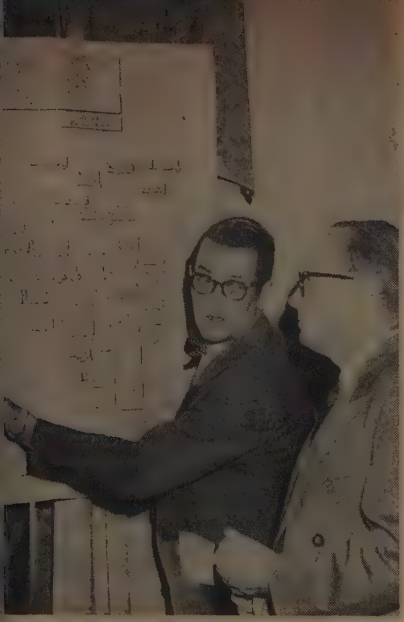
The New York table lists a total of 8,464,777 persons or 57.1 per cent of the population as "mission responsibility." Since 1945 the Lutherans have started 40 missions.

NEW JERSEY: The 776,633 Protestants are only 16 per cent of the state's population of 4,835,329. Roman Catholics report 1,777,456, and 231,425 of the Jewish faith are listed. Total unchurched is more than 2 million. The 115,426 Lutherans are divided 80,708 United Lutheran, 25,069 Missouri Synod and 10,000 in other bodies.

MINNESOTA: Second to Pennsylvania in total number, Lutherans make up 794,445 of the 1,140,904 Protestants. A majority of the total population in 19 of the 87 counties is Lutheran. The Evangelical Lutheran Church leads with 292,9 members. Missouri Synod has 162,07 Augustana 142,759, Wisconsin Synod 57,985, American Lutheran 51,47 United Lutheran 37,024, and Lutheran Free Church 33,568.

WISCONSIN: Protestant strength is large Lutheran. About half the Lutheran membership of 757,290 is related to the Synodical Conference churches, almost evenly divided between the Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Synod. Evangelical Lutherans rank a close third with nearly 168,000 members.

United Lutherans have 75,000 members in only 85 congregations, mostly in the larger cities. There are more than a million Roman Catholics in the state, a



r. Robert Holmen of Minnesota and C. W. ›renson of Illinois study chart showing "family ee" of present Lutheran synods in America

,200,000 are listed as being unchurched. LLINOIS: Lutheran membership of 515,-77 is a little more than one-fourth of l Protestants. There are 2,341,933 Ro-an Catholics and 4,041,485 un-hurched. Lutherans outnumber Cath-lics in 24 counties, but there are no utherans at all in eleven counties. lightly over half of the Lutherans are in he Missouri Synod. ULCA is second ith 105,022 members. Augustana has 6,064.

ORTH DAKOTA: Lutheran membership f 194,902 is more than two-thirds of all Protestants. Lutherans outnumber other Protestants in 48 of the 53 counties, are ten times as numerous in five of these. More than half are in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. American Lutheran and Missouri Synod rank next, and Lutheran Free Church is fourth. The state is 65 per cent churched.

NLC studies of other states where Lutheran membership is large are not yet available. But some facts are readily seen from the original tabulations of the National Council of Churches.

In Michigan, Lutheran membership of 304,000 is about 25 per cent of total Protestant strength. Missouri Synod leads with 180,631.

Ohio has about 400,000 Lutherans, one-fifth of all Protestants, divided among eight Lutheran bodies. American Lutherans rank first, United Lutherans a close second, and Missouri Synod third.

Iowa's 306,000 Lutherans comprise 30 per cent of the Protestants and are divided among five bodies led by Missouri Synod. Of Indiana's 150,000 Lutherans, 42,000 are United Lutheran.

United Lutherans lead among the 126,000 in Maryland with about half concentrated in Baltimore and Frederick Counties.

Lutherans are scarcer in the southern, midwestern, Rocky Mountain and Pacific States, and almost non-existent in parts of New England. The most rapid growth of Lutheran churches today appears to be in California and Florida, where climate attracts new population.

THERE NEVER was a day when Christians were without Baptism and the Lord's Supper. There were long years before the Bible was written out in full. The Church as we know it blossomed a good season after the soil had been turned. The liturgy was the development of long experimental centuries. But right there at the beginning were the Word and the Sacraments.

—CHARLES SARDESON in *Rediscovering the Words of Faith* (Abingdon)

THEY, TOO, WORK FOR THE CHURCH

WE GO TO PRESS on Thursday at 50th and Lancaster Ave., Philadelphia. We—that's "Th Lutheran." We've been going to press at the Lancaster Ave. plant for over 27 years, and we'v seen a lot of change since 1930 when the Board of Publication built the plant which now represent an investment of $1,000,000. (First printing plant bought in 1899 in downtown Philadelphia cost $65,000—with an additional $9,756.43 investment for machinery and equipment.)

Change has been constant, trying to keep pace with the vigorous growth of the church. More machines have been added to the equipment—latest, five years ago, was a $90,000 rotary press which now prints 191,000 copies of "The Lutheran" every week in addition to other material. Space at the plant is at a premium, quarters are crowded, and the building is no longer up to latest standards.

But employees are loyal to the church-owned business. Fourteen of the 90 persons making up the plant personnel have been with the firm for over 25 years. ULPH Photographer Kenneth Marting observed operations at the plant on a typical Thursday. His pictures show people in the process of helping the church interpret its objectives, proclaim its goals, in occupations normally not associated with church-related work.

FOUR LINOTYPES put out ULPH-produce material, keep five presses busy. Luthe Brillinger (*foreground*) works 2½ days t set LUTHERAN copy for weekly issue, devote rest of week to other printing jobs. He' been with the church-owned firm since 1924

JOHN BARTLETT, one of three make-up men at ULPH plant, has been composing LUTHERAN pages for 20 years, likes intricate make-ups because "they keep me interested in my work." Thirty-two pages are made up Thursday, late news goes to press Monday.

GEORGE HERWIG, composing room foreman since '33, checks forms containing four page of LUTHERAN as it is being readied for tri to foundry by John Robins who's beei handling the 85-pound frames as plant' "stonehand" for over quarter of a century

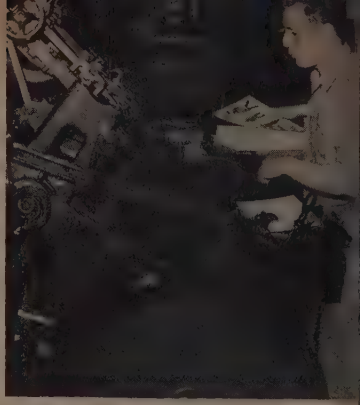
The Luthera

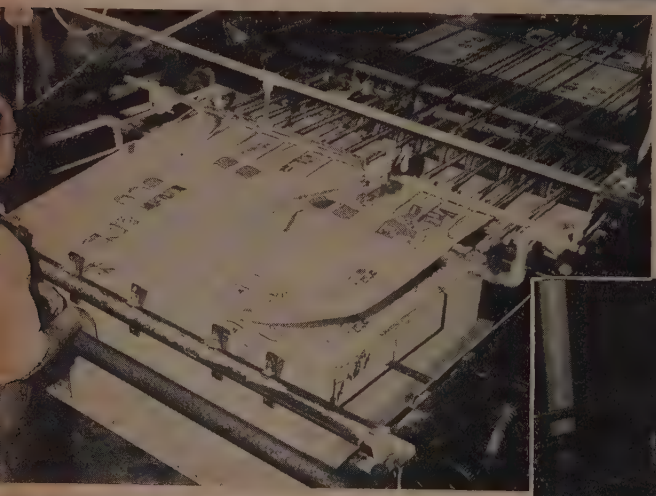
AMES BLACK (*top*), with ULPH for 18 years, checks two-
olor offset press turning out six fronts and backs of
UTHERAN cover in one operation. Two-day run completes
ne issue. Rest of week is devoted to color Sunday bulletins,
our-color book work, parish education material. Plates used
y press are derived from film shot by John Hoopes (*right*)
ith giant offset camera which reproduces original photos.

STOCKHANDLERS turn 16,300 sheets a day to feed into rotary press. Plant uses over two million pounds of paper a year. The largest run is Christmas (four-color) bulletin with 1,250,000 copies.

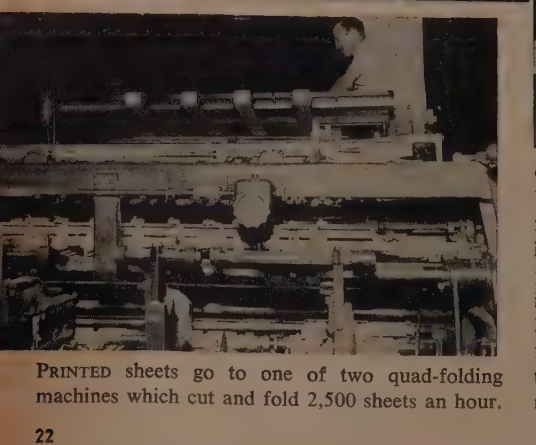
ARRY SIMONS, in pressroom since 1930, checks 28-foot
ng rotary press which prints 48 pages in one turn, runs
ree days and nights around the clock to produce LUTHERAN,
rns out other material (*Augsburg* series, children's hymnal)
ith runs of over 25,000 copies during the rest of the week.

CARL HOOPER (*below*), ULPH man for over 20 years, supervises printing of Junior Vacation Church School material for 1958, produced at rate of 9,000 copies a day, on two-color letter press. Press also prints *Christian Growth* series, other two-color parish education material. In addition to rotary, two-color offset, and two-color letter press, plant has one other offset and a Perfector press which prints two sides of sheet in one operation, is used for book work. Average book production (reprints and new) is 50 a year. Large runs in pressroom, other than LUTHERAN and Sunday bulletins, are *Christian Growth* quarterlies (407,000), *Augsburg* series with 391,000 copies.

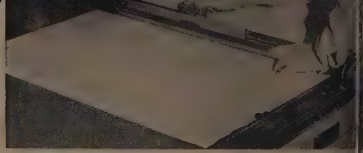




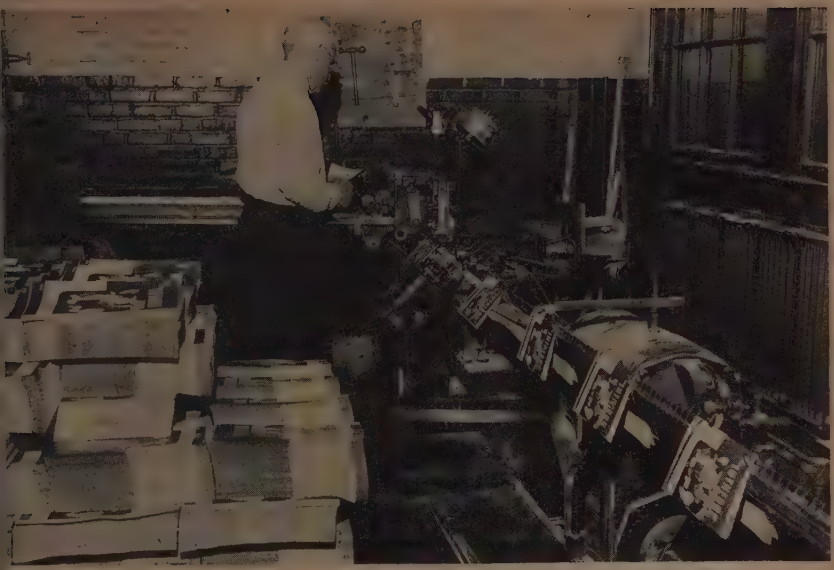
JOHN BIEZ operates hand-fed press which handles special jobs, small assignments which large print shops must take on. His machine is one of three turning out labels, ordering cards, special color work.



PRINTED sheets go to one of two quad-folding machines which cut and fold 2,500 sheets an hour.

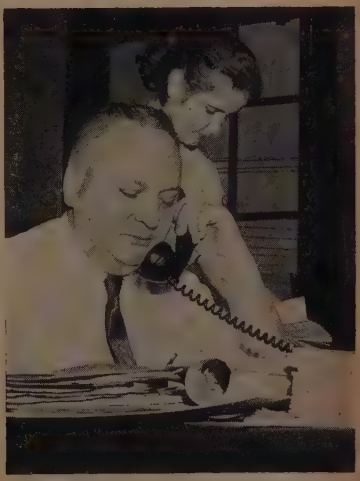


GEORGE JEFFERS, since 1926 with ULPH, has been pressroom foreman for five years. Here, on line-up table, he checks margins, lines up sheets for press run. He has his hands full keeping things running smoothly. Biggest headache is LUTHERAN. "I keep my fingers crossed that nothing happens to the rotary," he says. "Fact is, a major breakdown would stop us cold."



UTHERAN is biggest job also for Edward Dietsch, ndery foreman since 1925, shown here con- olling run of Christiansen stitcher which auto- atically assembles, stitches, trims magazines in he continuous operation at the rate of 5,000 pies an hour. Bindery has five automatic folders nd three stitchers of various types, keeps ten en in mailroom busy with shipping operations.

maller jobs, not done by machines, are handled women (*below*) at rotating gathering table. hey assemble books, *Christian Growth* quarterlies.



"I spend a lot of time on the telephone," says Plant Superintendent John Gotthold who started as errand boy in ULPH in 1931. Responsible for entire printing operation, he keeps in close touch with administrative and editorial offices at headquarters located in different section of the city.

FIVE MAKE A FAMILY:

FIFTEEN

THE TABLE Dan made for Karen's birthday was more beautiful than either of us had hoped. Karen had known she was getting it, since Dan had had to warn her to stay out of the basement workshop. However, I think she must have been expecting a modified form of the cretonne-covered orange crate she has been using.

When we brought in the table after her other presents at supper time, she looked as though someone had given her the Hope diamond. "It's beautiful, Dad! I didn't know it would be so—so smooth." She ran her hand over the satiny finish.

PETE GLOWED, almost as pleased with her praise as Dan. The final waxing had been a joint effort. "Pretty terrif, isn't it?" (Everything is either "terrif" or "out of it" to him lately. But since we know what he means, we don't care too much.)

"Honestly, I'll be afraid to put anything on it! And the drawers! Look how they slide. There's even a lock on this one for my diary!" She looked at Pete. He grinned. "You really thought I was reading it, didn't you? Well, I was. I've had a duplicate key made."

But even his teasing couldn't disturb Karen at this high moment. "I'll put some of the perfume you gave me on the diary. Then my nose will know whether you've been meddling," she laughed back at him. The tilt of her head was downright coquettish and Pete straightened his shoulders.

Somewhere in the back of my mind was repeated the remark of a speaker we had at the last PTA meeting—that boys and girls learn to be men and women from the members of their own families. Boys identify with their fathers, as a rule, and respond to the feminine qualities in their mothers and sisters by acting more masculine. At the moment, it had seemed a bit far fetched to me.

However, the thought merely flashed through my mind and was gone. Susie was whispering in my ear that she was sure she could light the candles on the cake without burning anything. I nodded and we headed for the kitchen where I had hidden the cake on the top shelf.

"DO YOU THINK Daddy will make me a table for my birthday so we can have one by each bed?" she asked.

"Maybe not this year, but soon. You will have to stop spilling paint water on things and learn to keep your half of the room in order. We want you to have one, but we want you to have it when you're old enough to keep it for a long, long time."

"Fifteen candles! Seems like I'll never catch up."

"You'll never be as old as Karen, but you'll be fifteen some day. And some day you'll be bragging about the fact that you are younger than she is. Here, light the match carefully."

"I know! You don't need to tell me. Not *every* time." She lit the match and concentrated on the candles in the center first. When the operation was successfully completed, we carried in the masterpiece, singing as we got to the door.

THE PARTY was still in full swing when he doorbell rang. We'd been talking of arlier birthday parties the children remembered, each one trying to outdo the thers in recalling some big moment. Jone of us had noticed the time.

"The kids!" Karen exclaimed, bouncng to her feet so fast she knocked her ork on the floor. "I didn't know it was o late!" She rushed to let them in.

Dan looked questioning. "They're king her to the movies. It's a good ne."

"On a school night?" Dan and Pete id the words together, then looked at ch other and laughed.

"She did her homework this afternoon. nd they aren't going to stay for the secnd feature. They're coming back here r a piece of cake. Don't look as though u'd lost your last friend, Pete. It's aren's cake."

THE YOUNGSTERS came trooping out to e the new table while the guest of honor nt to get her coat. Their acclamation ade Pete change his tune a little. He scribed in detail just how "we" made omitting any mention of the fact that s part in the making had been very all and very well supervised by his ther's watchful eye. The older boys re visibly impressed. Dan winked at e over Pete's head.

When the crowd had left in a flurry wisecracks, Susie and Pete helped th the dishes, then headed upstairs, te to his homework and Susie to bed. ere was a little grumbling about the t that they had missed their TV proam in the excitement, but it didn't last g. Thank goodness they can enjoy ir programs without being TV addicts. I was glad Dan didn't have to go to meeting tonight. We've both been on run far too much lately, but it's hard to avoid getting too involved in community and church affairs.

"Nice to relax in peace and quiet, isn't it?" I pulled my footstool close to my rocker and put my feet up.

DAN SMILED over the edge of the third volume of the *Christian Responsibility* Series. "Funny how we run around in circles. I was just thinking that some of this is pretty tough to take in just by reading it and that we really ought to have a study group to talk about it to make it stick. Then I said to myself, 'There you go again. If a book is worth reading, there ought to be a group to study it.' As though there were not enough groups now."

"Enough, yes. But are they the right ones? Couldn't the regular Bible classes study something like this once in a while? Or the adult confirmation class keep on with their meetings after the members are received? You know how many of the old members go back for a 'refresher' every now and then. Or the leadership training classes could benefit from studying it. It wouldn't have to be a new group."

"Wouldn't have to be an organized group at all. I've already lent the first volume to Charlie Mawson. Next time he and Claire come over we'll have a chance to talk."

"Charlie, yes, but Claire?"

"Do her good. Life isn't all work and worry. Show her where they fit in."

"Is that what the third volume is about? It ought to do me good too."

"Not exactly about that but they're part of it. What time did you say Karen would be home?"

"Can't get her off your mind?"

"I guess neither of us has had her completely off our minds for the past fifteen years. You least of all!"

MATTER AND SPIRIT

PEOPLE WHO READ newspapers don't expect beautiful prose. Style plays a part in composition, but the important thing is "the facts." Sometimes we get both facts and beauty.

The New York *Times* came up with a fresh piece recently. Writing for the Jan. 31 issue, A. M. Rosenthal made a memorable contribution to journalism in an article on the tenth anniversary of Gandhi's assassination.

"Thousands of persons walked the lawns of the cremation grounds on this memorial day. There were young schoolgirls in red sweaters and white trousers, who shrieked happily because it was a holiday and then looked around guiltily.

"There were peasants from villages who touched the stone with their heads. There were men who had been at prayer ground when Nathuram Vinayak Godse, a 35-year-old high-born Hindu fanatic came to kill Gandhi because he had been preaching peace with the Moslems.

"There were comrades of the old days of the strange non-violent struggles against Britain fashioned by Gandhi, among them the President and the Prime Minister. They sat in a tent and for an hour spun cotton on a wooden hand wheel, because this had been Gandhi's way of teaching India to do for herself.

"Throughout India there were memorial meetings on this day when many Indians must have asked themselves: 'Do we really remember Gandhi?'

"There is hardly a town without a statue of him, and in millions of homes his picture hangs, garlanded. An Indian politician would no more forget to pay public respects to Gandhi than would an American forget to mention George Washington on the Fourth of July."

DID YOU GET the same reaction I did Change the particulars, the names an the locations, and you can ask the sam question about another martyr: "Do w really remember Christ?"

We are concerned with things. W have to be. We live in a world of thing You could no sooner do without the than a fish without water.

Sometimes we put such stress on thin that we forget that there is another pa of our life which is not composed of ma ter. That which we cannot grasp by ou senses we tend to describe with word like "spiritual," or "moral." And so li is cut into two pieces and we speak the "physical (or material) world" an the "spiritual world."

Some people act as if these were tw separate and distinct divisions of life, an that a person can go from one to th other and back again. But such a div sion is impossible, for life is a totalit Schizophrenia is always abnormality.

IN THE CHURCH, which has, as ov against the world (as the theologians lab it), a greater concern for the things the spirit, this division is apparent, to We frequently hear warnings from son who say that spiritual "things" alone a important; the material is of no cons quence. Such counsel is more readi heard today because of the anxiety many quarters over what is popular called the "high church movement." Wh hasn't heard some well-meaning pers declare, "You don't really need chas bles, incense pots, crucifixes, sanctua lamps." Why stop there? Why build a tractive churches? A shed or a barn w

. Why use any vestments, even a black be? Street clothing, even bathing suits Florida will suffice. Service books are t necessary; the spirit alone is the hing" that counts.

With such voices ringing in their ears, e people who ask "Do we still remem- r Christ?" might, I fear, be tempted to y, "Yes, let's throw it all out, and let's st remember the spirit. Let's make re- gion a matter of head and heart, and t worry about what we touch or see or ar or smell. Why even talk, for don't e all inside feel the spirit?"

Sounds absurd, doesn't it? You know ry well that throwing something away esn't guarantee you'll remember some- ing else.

THE ANSWER to the question is not iconoclasm, or doing away with things. The answer is in greater concentration, greater devotion to what the *thing* symbolizes. A cross hung around the neck of a person makes him no holier than one who has no cross. That is no argument to discard the cross. But both he who wears and he who does not wear the cross of metal can by dedication give greater time and devotion to the Cross of Calvary and its meaning for all men.

We must learn to look past the things we have set up to the eternal things they symbolize. In so doing we use the material things of the world so as to "touch and handle things unseen."

—EDGAR S. BROWN, JR.

ERSONAL ROBLEM LINIC

EARL S. RUDISILL

voidable conflict

QUESTION: My wife has been holding full-time position with a commercial use for a long time. We have no chil- en. We have a nice home. Erma's job a demanding one, I know, but she in- ts upon doing all the housework also, cept as I am able to help.

Erma, during the first years of her out- le work, complained incessantly and olently about her job, the unfair deal- s, and all the little jealousies, until, er several unpleasant sessions, I told r to stop complaining or quit the job. the same time I recognized that we eded the money, since we had just rted buying our house. She no longer does the kind of wailing she once did, but she is continually telling me how busy she always is and how her boss demands the impossible, and so on.

Erma is dissatisfied with life—and, I guess, with me too. But I too am always under pressure, and often enough my worries come home with me and keep me awake. Erma's griping makes my load heavier.

REPLY: Just how much of the actual story you have given is a question. But the fact that you told Erma to give up the job or stop complaining may indicate more unpleasantness and pressure than you are ready to admit. Instead of each one's going his own way, feeling burdened, and yet unready to make an intelligent effort to resolve the difficulty, you and Erma ought to "take down your hair" in a mutually sympathetic way and try to discuss what both of you need, and ways in which you can adjust your affairs so that each can be more satisfied.

If you and your wife have had considerable unpleasantness it may be that she fears more pressure from you and is constantly picturing her work as burdensome in order to ward off further pressure, and is thus contributing to the tensions between you. Perhaps, also, your own attitudes, even though not spoken, are sensed by her, and thus you are adding fuel to the fire.

Why don't you create an unusually pleasant situation and talk the whole matter over patiently, sympathetically, and try to arrive at an agreeable formula? That is the spirit of I Corinthians 13. Could you not suggest that Erma give up the position, go on half-time, or get sufficient help to take care of the housework? Give her assurance of your understanding and sympathy, your desire for her happiness, and your readiness to be a full-fledged agreeable, helpful partner. Try for full mutuality, and maintain that open, co-operative spirit.

Age gap

QUESTION: My wife is twenty years younger than I. My marriage was long delayed because I had responsibility for my parents for a good many years. When Eunice and I discussed marriage we talked over our difference in age, and she assured me that age would make no difference—in fact, urged the marriage more than I did. That was all right. Our common life went along nicely until about three years ago.

We have two daughters who are now in their teens. Eunice has been a fine mother to them. The matter which concerns me is that now she is much closer to the girls than to me. She is very companionable with them, spends much time with them, and confides in them—especially the older one. The fact is that I am pretty much deserted. Though we li in the same house, I am alone, except a very formal way. Perhaps Eunice fee I am now too old for her companionshi

REPLY: The success of a marriag depends on the character and attitud of both people and the means they a willing to take to render it happy an successful. This is especially true whe there is such a wide difference in ag The years themselves do not create th trouble, but the failure of husband an wife to adapt themselves to one a other, to appreciate the other's viewpoint, and to share interests.

Eunice feels that she has much common with the girls, since she much nearer their age than you an This fact, together with her natur maternal attachment, adds up to problem on which both of you need work.

You ought to talk this whole pro lem over with your wife. Assumi that you are both reasonable Christi people, you can each come to see it it appears to the other, and make t necessary adaptations. You should e deavor to understand and feel the i terests involved at the ages of your wi and daughters. And Eunice shou make a real effot to share your ou look.

Don't sit back and vegetate, but ta some initiative on the doings, interes and problems of the family grou Your own attitudes and moves w determine much of what your futu family situation will be. If you mo in a diplomatic way your participati will be welcomed.

Letters regarding problems to be discussed this "Clinic" may be sent to Dr. Rudisill 359 N. West End Avenue, Lancaster, Pen

guide to bible study

ou need a special dictionary to
lp understand the Bible when
u read the King James Version.
Vords have changed in meaning

LUTHER A. WEIGLE

"Allow"

THE WORD "allow" is used five times the King James Version of the Bible. each case it has the sense of praise, prove, or accept—the common mean- of "allow" in the sixteenth and seven- nth centuries, derived from the Latin *audare*, to praise.

Jesus' accusation of the lawyers (Luke :48), "ye allow the deeds of your fath- ," does not imply that they had any wer to permit or prohibit what their hers did. That was history, past and ne. What he said was, "you approve deeds of your fathers." The Greek rd means "join in thinking well of." When the King James translators used word "allow" in Paul's vivid descrip- n of the predicament of the sinner omans 7:15)—"that which I do I w not: for what I would, that do I t; but what I hate, that do I"—they d it in the sense of "approve." Their rendering would be expressed lay in the words, "I do not approve at I am doing." But in this case they translated the Greek verb, which ans "know" or "understand." What ul said was, "I do not understand what m doing." The Revised Standard Ver- n translates the verse "I do not under- nd my own actions. For I do not do at I want, but I do the very thing I e."

Paul's statement in 1 Thessalonians 2:4 does not mean merely that God permitted him to be entrusted with the preaching of the gospel, but that God approved him for this mission. The Revised Standard Version uses the word "approve" in Romans 14:22 also, and the word "accept" in Acts 24:15.

When "possess" means seize or gain

THE VERB "possess" is used 54 times in the King James version of the book of Deuteronomy, and nearly one hundred times in the rest of the Bible. In almost all of these cases it has the sense of seize, acquire, gain, or take possession of. Deuteronomy 1:8 sets the key for that book: "go in and possess the land."

THE GREEK VERB which the King James Version translates by "purchased" in Acts 1:18 and 8:20, and by "obtained" in Acts 22:28, is rendered as "possess" in three other New Testament passages, with the result that the English reader is not aware of their true meaning. "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19) is correctly translated, "By your endurance you will gain your lives." The Pharisee's statement, "I give tithes of all that I possess" (Luke 18:12), is properly "I give tithes of all that I get"—that is, the tithe is based upon income rather than upon capital. Paul's counsel to the Thessalonians that each should "know how to possess his vessel" (1 Thessalonians 4:4) means "know how to take a wife."

The last of these passages has been so much misunderstood that it will be well to quote it more fully: "This is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from immorality; that each one of you know how to take a wife for himself in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like heathen who do not know God."

BOOKS

RESURRECTION FAITH

Resurrection and Historical Reason. By Richard R. Niebuhr. Scribners. 184 pages. $3.95.

Although belief in the resurrection of Christ validates and vitalizes all other Christian beliefs, the resurrection has not received the same kind of thorough systematic study which has been given to the crucifixion. The appearance of a book which examines the resurrection incisively in the light of both hermeneutical and historical scholarship is therefore an event of first-rate importance. The author, a member of the Harvard theological faculty, is the son of Yale's H. Richard Niebuhr. The book is a promise that the name Niebuhr will continue to be associated with creative American theology in the years ahead.

The author is fully aware of the pivotal importance of his subject: "The resurrection of Jesus Christ cannot be torn from the fabric of Christian history without destroying that history itself." But between the traditional proclamation of the church and the results of modern historical criticism there is an apparently insoluble tension, one which led Strauss, an early critic, to say with tongue in cheek that enlightened clergymen will now have to leave their churches and become professors of theology.

Dr. Niebuhr presents trenchant criticism of theologians who meet this dilemma by allegorizing and volatilizing the resurrection event or removing it to a transcendental realm where it has no bearing upon ordinary history. His contention is that the hermeneutics of the New Testament resurrection tradition and the principles of historical method appropriate to theology as a whole must be forged together.

Without a historical basis the Christ of faith dissolves into ineffable religiousness. But the historical method must free itself from naturalistic presuppositions and make its starting point the memory of the church. In this perspective the resurrection is not only the most concrete of historical ever but also the key to the Christian interpre tion of Christ, the church, nature, and h tory. Only thus does the historical meth do justice to both external and inter history.

This is not an essay in apologetics but theological method. It contains valua critical summaries of the basic approach used by such contemporary theologians Barth, Bultmann, Brunner, and Schweitz The author's own method is strongly o ored by the thinking of his father, *e.g.*, t concept of the "revelatory" which illumi the past and directs the future.

He does not always prove his point, as the case of his wholesale rejection *Heilsgeschichte*. But he calls theology to crucial task of lighting up the issues of and death from the center of Christian re lation. The book is a valuable tool for th logians and those seeking theological co petence.

T. A. KANTONEN

Springfield, Ohio

RESURRECTION FACT

He Is Risen. By Harold Paul Sloan. Light a Life Press. 180 pages. $2.

Adolf Harnack speaks about the "Eas faith," the belief of the individual in risen Christ and recognizes it as a true val But he dismisses the "Easter fact," the ports of the Gospel about the resurrecti as unhistorical. Dr. Sloan discusses th facts and examines their sources, the N Testament and the Pseudo Gospels, and firms the historicity of these reports, at le of the canonical books of the New Tes ment.

Dr. Sloan discusses problems such with what body—myth or mystery—Chri cosmic significance, and others. Strongly author stresses the social implication of Easter fact. "Either the Easter faith had produce a new order of society, or the order of society had to destroy the Eas faith!"

The reviewer has the feeling, theologically ken, that the shadow of Ritschl is seen some of the statements. Lutherans will subscribe to all the statements made, for tance: "The renaissance was enriched to come the reformation!" But besides these nts it is an interesting volume. It is re-shing to listen to the author's convincing ut: "The Lord is risen! He is risen in-d!"

BERTHOLD F. KORTE
Bellwood, Illinois

MIDRASH

Cain: Son of the Serpent. By David Max nhorn. Whittier. 160 pages. $3.

Some may call this book the most foolish e ever written. But such a pronounce-nt would be unfair to the type of litera-e represented. This is *midrash.*

Though most Christians are not ac-inted with *midrash,* Jews have been writ-such fictional expansions upon the Testament for more centuries than there e been Christians. Among the fanciful s, the *midrashist* intersperses paragraphs moral essay. Consequently the book is stantly shifting from the grotesque to sublime.

The book answers such questions as, here did Cain get his wife?" Of course, *midrashists* did not intend to present ealed history, as a naive reader might nk. The author says, "The story-telling merely an attention-getting device." Yet s supposed to teach eternal truth.

The truth in the book falls short of being rnal, as must always be the case where ative but still human imagination plays rge part. There is the expected empha-on the Law and the Sabbath, and the litional Jewish belief in a good inclina-n in man as well as an evil one.

Humor appears when traditions are re-ed, as in the story about the first roast at on earth. It was brought by angels m heaven and was not only top quality strictly kosher.

The author's references to marital rela-ns are usually interesting and amusing. characterizations of materialism are artful and instructive. His exposition of the need to check individualism by social concern provides his best contribution, and discussions about God's power and justice sometimes come close behind.

Chicago ROBERT J. MARSHALL

CONFERENCE ON OLD AGE

The New Frontiers of Aging. Edited by Wilma T. Donahue and Clark Tibbitts. University of Michigan Press. 209 pages. $5.

Wilma Donahue tries to weave together, in the eight pages of the closing chapter of this book, the varied findings in the papers which make up the other chapters. She states "that much of the research and planning (about older people) is segmented."

One cannot expect this book to be an inclusive and complete discussion of all the aspects of the situation being created by the increasing numbers of older people. These papers were presented at the most recent annual conference on the aging at the University of Michigan. Facts are reviewed and problems are stated, but solutions are yet to be formulated.

Philadelphia FRANCES A. SHEARER

AND SO FORTH

Minister's Federal Income Tax Guide. 1958 Edition. By David Alter. Channel Press. 170 pages. $2.

Income tax has become such a big part of practically everybody's expenses that most people are alert to all legitimate ways of cutting down the bill. The editors of *Pulpit Digest* magazine, with Mr. Alter, a New York City lawyer, have gone into all angles pertaining to a U.S. clergyman's federal tax. Their information is set down clearly and in detail.

The Healings of the Bible. Compiled by Nellie B. Woods. Hawthorne Press. 94 pages. $2.50.

Each miracle of healing in the Bible, from Genesis 20:17 to Acts 28:8, is reported in the language of the King James Version. Mrs. Woods has found 80, and has supplied a helpful cross-index. The book might put good ideas in the minds of sufferers.

Wagner College Observes Diamond Jubilee

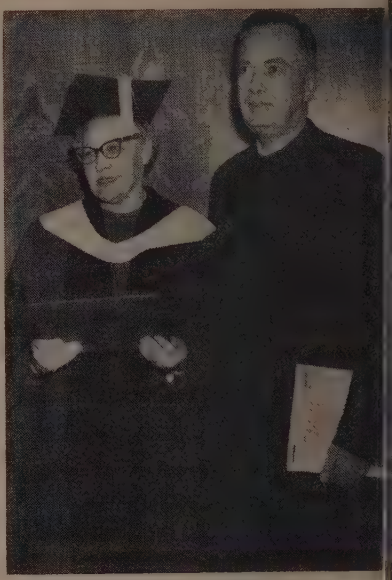
NEW YORK—Lutheran church dignitaries and leaders in public and professional life joined w faculty, alumni and students of Wagner College to celebrate the school's 75th anniversary, J 24-26. The convocation at Staten Island was attended by over twenty-five hundred perso

Honorary degrees were conferred upon Mrs. Franklin Clark Fry, wife of the ULC president; Pastor Russell S. Gaenzle of St. John's Church, Albany, N. Y.; Pastor George T. Miller of Bethany Church, Palmyra, N. J.; President Miller A. F. Ritchie of Hartwick College; Mr. Richard C. Patterson, Jr., commissioner, New York Department of Commerce; Kenneth H. Eckhert, Buffalo surgeon, and Thomas Gilliard.

Dr. Ralph W. Loew, president of the ULC Board of Foreign Missions, said in his opening address that the church college "is committed to be an educational institution, but an institution which refuses to treat life as a series of professional skills alone. It relates them to the center of meaning."

Dr. Gustave W. Weber, pastor of Glenwood Church, Toledo, Ohio, said purpose of liberal arts was to "awaken and develop the intellectual and spiritual powers of the individual before he enters his career."

Mrs. Fry, speaking of the "Church College and the Christian Woman," stressed the contributions of home makers to society.



Mrs. Fry and ULC president at convoca

Drs. Gaenzle, Loew, Delo, Eckhert, Miller opened jubilee

"There is no place earth a woman can more effectively the Ch tian ideals a Christian lege stands for than in own home," the wife of ULC president said.

Wagner's President D M. Delo, in his conclu address, called for more orous admission stand and higher performance quirements in senior leges, revised methods o struction and more adeq curricula to meet the p lems of higher educatio

First service held by mission under development in northwest section of Colorado Springs
stor Harvey L. Prinz, 1957 Chicago Seminary graduate, is getting wholehearted support

CKY MOUNTAIN

Colorado Springs Group Reports Good Progress

By OLIVER F. WEAVER

ENVER—When the mission in northwest lorado Springs, Colo., held its first serv- in December, it asked a commercial tographer to be on hand and take pic- s of the group. The photographer came, k the pictures and then asked Mission veloper Harvey L. Prinz whether he could the mission.

he incident, Pastor Prinz reports, is ical of the attitude of local residents. ny of them, he says, have no church mbership. All the members of the mis- 's steering committee were previously hurched. There is hope that the budding C group will also attract personnel of the rby U.S. Air Force Academy.

he mission group is meeting on the third r of a suburban office building. The first ice was attended by 61 persons.

Arvada Mission Growing

TTENDANCE has increased 130 per cent he Arvada, Colo., mission, led by Pastor rles W. Hoemig. Now there are 160 per- worshiping regularly, and the church ol has an enrollment of 104. Beginning month two services are being held each day.

wo donations totaling $1,000 were re- ed for the building fund from community firms not directly associated with the congregation.

The charter membership roll contains 78 signatures. Forty-six more adults have expressed their desire to affiliate on Palm Sunday, when the congregation will be organized. Dr. Leeland C. Soker, new president of the Rocky Mountain Synod, will speak at that time.

Nine young people will be confirmed on Easter Sunday.

Lay Evangelism Studied

LAY EVANGELISM SCHOOL for Denver area churches was held at Messiah Church on Jan. 26. The Rev. George Housewright, area director of evangelism, conducted the classes.

A two-day liturgical workshop to study the new hymnal and service book was held at St. Paul's Church, Denver, for all NLC pastors and church musicians in the Rocky Mountain area. The Rev. Newell N. Mendenhall was in charge.

Religious Census Taken

TEN PROTESTANT churches participated in a religious census of Denver's Park Hill area. Seven hundred workers canvassed 12,000 families in 620 blocks on Sunday afternoon.

Suburban Denver Congregation Was on the Air

"On the Air" the last two Sundays in January was Holy Cross Church, Wheatridge (Denver). The services were telecast by KLZ-TV.

This congregation, organized in 1952, has a baptized membership of 1,010. It conducts a weekday church school with 125 children enrolled. The Rev. Charles L. Strubel is pastor.

Holy Cross became a self-supporting congregation at the beginning of 1957, dedicated a church and parish hall in 1955.

It played host to the Rocky Mountain Synod last May.

Television cameras loomed large in sanctuary of Holy Cross Chur
Pastor Charles L. Strubel preached to an audience of thousa

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Jan. 19. Information gathered is being referred to the various churches for their guidance in filling neighborhood needs.

Legalizing Bingo Opposed

Colorado Legislature is considering a constitutional amendment to legalize bingo games. Hearings before the House judiciary committee produced strong arguments on both sides.

The Rev. Alton M. Motter, president of the Denver Ministerial Alliance and co-pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, spoke strongly against the proposal. It violates the moral laws of God, he said.

"If you can't raise revenue by direct giving," he said, "there is something wrong with the causes supported or the people approached for support. You could legalize prostitution . . . and duelling . . . and they still would be wrong."

Denver Lutheran Ministerium, c posed of pastors of National Lutheran Co cil churches, elected LeRoy W. Miller p dent, Allison Hanson vice president, Carl Anderson secretary-treasurer.

MINNESOTA

Anniversary Plans Announced By St. John's in Minneapolis

By PAUL L. WETZLER

Minneapolis—St. John's Church, Mi apolis, one of the two oldest of the UL churches in the state, has planned a full of thanksgiving and celebration for its anniversary coinciding with Minnesota's tennial. The congregation was organize 1883.

Dr. John Rilling, pastor, is preachir series of sermons on the Gospel of St. J

continue through the year. A number of ecial events will bring former pastors as est speakers. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry is heduled to address the anniversary banquet the late fall.

Site for Retired Chosen

Lutheran Good Samaritan Society has ted to purchase 75 acres of land in Minne-olis overlooking the Minnesota River, for e proposed Martin Luther Manor, home r retired persons. Construction of the first several units will begin as soon as the cur-nt campaign for $500,000 is completed. ore than $200,000 has been subscribed.

Bernard Nash, executive secretary of the overnor's Citizen Council on the Aging, oke at the society's meeting on Feb. 4.

Editor Addresses Pastors

Dr. Theodore Gill, of Chicago, manag-g editor of the *Christian Century*, ad-essed a meeting of several hundred Lu-eran pastors here on Jan. 7. He said many hristians have a childish notion of Chris-an ethics and believe that "if we are good, od will be good to us."

"God can't be buttered up this way," Dr. ill declared. "We don't do good in order earn the love of God, but because God ves us. Out of gratitude, out of answering ve, we do his passionate, creative will."

Lutheran Welfare Society of Minne-ta moved into its new $500,000 home at 414 Park Ave. on Jan. 20.

Hope Church, Minneapolis, dedicated the first unit of its new church plant at 5712 Cedar Ave. S. The building which seats 225 persons in the worship area was constructed at a cost of $110,000. The Rev. William Dion is the pastor.

Camp to Dedicate Chapel

United Lutheran Lake Camp, on Green Lake at Chisago City, will dedicate its new chapel on June 15. It will seat 100 persons. Cost of construction was $25,000.

United Lutheran Church Women held a rally Feb. 3 at Mt. Carmel Church, Minneapolis. Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, former ambassador to Denmark, spoke on "Adventure in Christ—the Church and Race."

Wooddale Church, St. Louis Park, honored Pastor and Mrs. Paul Obenauf on Jan. 19. It was the 25th anniversary of his ordination and of their wedding. Dr. Paul E. Bishop, Northwest Synod president, and Dr. Paul Graf, brother of Mrs. Obenauf, spoke.

High School Proposed

A Lutheran high school for the Minneapolis area may again be a live issue. Thirty-seven Synodical Conference churches (not affiliated with the ULC) recommended it in their annual reports. Cost of establishing the school is estimated at $1,175,000.

Meanwhile, Archbishop Brady announced a five-year campaign for $10 million to expand Roman Catholic high school facilities in the area.

First unit of Hope Church was dedicated in Minneapolis by thirty-year-old congregation
uilding, used for worship and parish education program, has room for 225 in worship area

Synod Overpays Quotas For Major Benevolences

By WYNNE C. BOLIEK

COLUMBIA—Again the South Carolina Synod has more than met its quotas in two major benevolent causes. The 1957 goal for Lutheran World Action was overpaid by $2,765.03, making the total 107 per cent of the quota.

The ULCA apportionment was overpaid $833, making 100.5 per cent. Final reports were made by J. B. Ballentine, synod treasurer, and Dr. A. Kenneth Hewitt, stewardship chairman.

Convention Set April 14-17

ANNUAL CONVENTION of the synod will be held April 14-17 at St. John's Church, Charleston, Dr. Heyward W. Epting pastor. The ULCA representative will be Dr. Charles B. Foelsch, president of Pacific Seminary, a former pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Charleston.

LAY EVANGELISM SCHOOLS were held last month in each of the five conferences. Nine representatives from each congregation attended with their pastors, and took part in four to five hours of intensive study and discussion of the 1958 evangelism program.

DR. KARL W. KINARD, synod president, preached at the recent dedication of a new $100,000 educational building at Orangeburg Lutheran Church, Orangeburg (*see picture*). The service was led by the pastor, Dr. Carl B. Caughman, who is secretary of the synod.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Summit, also dedicated a new educational building. The Rev. Roy T. Troutman, pastor, led the service and President Kinard spoke.

Synod Brotherhood Convenes

SOUTH CAROLINA BROTHERHOOD had a record attendance at its convention in Lexington on Jan. 17. Dr. C. E. Brehm, president of the University of Tennessee, spoke at the banquet. Dr. H. Odelle Harman was the toastmaster.

Officers for 1958: Howard A. Nilson, Columbia, president; Robert L. Gobble, Spartanburg, secretary; Otto L. Shealy, Leesville, treasurer.

Orangeburg United Lutheran Church built impressive $100,000 parish education building
Southern Conference church was organized in 1855, has a communing membership of 290

TELEVISION

Shows in View

"A TIME TO FIGHT," the story of Peter ıbriel Muhlenberg, will be shown over 3C-TV stations on Feb. 23 (1:30 P.M. T). Written by Robert B. Schall, the ama is one of 12 on the *Frontiers of Faith* ies presented by the network in co-opera-n with the National Council of Churches. ıe series deals with the lives of people ıose convictions have contributed to the ogress of social justice in a free society. Peter Muhlenberg, Lutheran pastor in oodstock, Va., took an active role in the merican revolution and led a contingent Virginia volunteers into the war. He was er a representative in congress.

"Adventures in Life" is a Sunday morning (8:30 A.M.) offering of station KMTV in Omaha, Neb. Now in its second year, the program is designed to arouse the interest of children in Sunday school. It is particularly geared to the need of recruiting children of unchurched families for Sunday schools of local congregations and is produced in co-operation with the Omaha Council of Churches and supervised by the local National Lutheran Council Pastors' Association which has given the project wholehearted support.

"Adventures in Life" is built around dramatized Bible stories told by Jean Kelly and presented with all the props and aids of TV production techniques. Filmstrips, slides, art work —even a monkey puppet—are used to make the show a favorite of young children. It won a local TV award last spring. Pastors and laymen share responsibility in writing and producing the show.

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Gifts totaling $7,500 from the Brother-od loan and gift fund were made to five ssion congregations.

Newberry to Make 7 Awards

SEVEN PERSONS have been selected to re-ive distinguished service awards at the ne commencement program of Newberry ollege, President Chris A. Kaufmann an-ounced. They are Allen W. Murray and arry E. Moose, of Newberry; James B. essinger, of Columbia; Holland Paysinger, Augusta, Ga.; J. Harold Epting, of Lees-lle; Mrs. Esther Sherouse Pruett, of Sa-nnah, Ga., and Dr. William C. Schaeffer, Orlando, Fla.

The college has employed a firm of edu-tional consultants to make a comprehen-ve survey. This will appraise the physical ant, student population trends, the future ilding program, administrative structure, d the past and potential giving of its con-tuency.

Baccalaureate speaker on June 1 will be r. R. A. Goodman, of Troutman, N. C. r. Goodman retired last summer after rving the college as professor of Bible and Christian ethics at the school for 36 years.

DR. VIRGIL B. SEASE recently established an endowed scholarship at Newberry College in the amount of $200 to be awarded each year to an outstanding member of the junior or senior class. The scholarship honors the former president of the college, Dr. James C. Kinard.

New Pastors Installed

THE REV. WILLIAM R. SMELTZ was installed by President Kinard as assistant pastor of Ebenezer Church, Columbia. The Rev. James C. Dickert was installed as pastor of Reformation Church, Lancaster, and the Rev. Robert Fraser as pastor of St. John's Church, Beaufort.

The Rev. Roy T. Troutman has resigned from St. James' Church, Summit, and will retire. He and Mrs. Troutman will move to North Carolina.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, North Augusta, celebrated its sixth anniversary on Jan. 5. President Kinard was the speaker. The pastor is the Rev. William B. Schaeffer.

PILGRIM CHURCH, Lexington, the Rev. Paul G. McCullough, pastor, reports a 23 per cent increase in communing membership.

WESTERN CANADA

Winnipeg Pastor Conducts Four Services in Six Hours

By E. G. GOOS

EDMONTON, ALTA.—Four services in six hours was Pastor Lothar Schwabe's Christmas Eve schedule at St. Peter's Church, Winnipeg. He conducted two English and two German services between 4 and 10 P.M. Twelve hundred came to worship, a large percentage of them new Canadians.

After the second service Pastor Schwabe took a few minutes to eat a sandwich and munch an apple. During the third service Mrs. Schwabe, who is the regular organist, rushed home by bus to nurse their two-month-old daughter, and returned in time for the final service.

Three more services were held on Christmas Day and the day after, bringing total attendance to more than 2,200. In the mid-forties this Winnipeg congregation was struggling for existence.

Help for New Mission

TRINITY CHURCH, Edmonton, voted at its annual meeting to give $3,000 surplus funds to the mission soon to be organized in the neighboring Argyle subdivision. A number of Trinity's members will transfer to the new congregation, to be called All Saints. Pastor Garfield Remus is the mission d veloper.

PROF. OTTO A. OLSON, acting preside of Lutheran College and Seminary at Sa katoon, and Dr. Earl Treusch, former pre dent, spoke to a group of fourteen you men attending a "Men for the Ministr conference at St. Mark's Church, Winnipe

Evangelism Schools Held

FIRST IN A SERIES of lay schools in eva gelism were held Feb. 2-5 in Edmonto Ponoka and Barrhead, in Alberta. Cong gations in Manitoba will join the Iceland Synod in a lay school in Winnipeg on Mar 1. Schools in Saskatchewan will be he in June.

PASTOR HERBERT HARTIG has begun h ministry at Prince of Peace Church, Edmo ton, and Pastor Reinhold Markwart beg serving at Edenwold, Sask. The Rev. Arth Miller accepted a call to Patience paris Alberta, and will begin work there in Apr The Rev. L. F. Schoepp received a call fr the Spruce Grove-Stony Plain parish.

LUTHERAN VESPERS, a transcribed ha hour devotional radio broadcast originati from St. John's Church, Rosenfeld, Man., being continued without the need of subsi from the congregation's treasury. It beg operations June 16, 1957, and has depend entirely on the help of listeners. Membe of the church serve as sponsors.

Canadian MPs Represent All Three United Lutheran Synod

Four new Luther members of Canadi Parliament are greet by Pastor Arthur Conrad (right), of Peter's, Ottawa. Th are (left to righ Eric A. Winkler, Ha over, Ont.; Lloyd Crouse, Lunenbu Nova Scotia; H. Olson, Medicine H Alberta, and Jac Schulz, Winnipe

enry Yurk, 37, former DP, as finally found his goal

New Life Lies Ahead

HASTINGS, NEB.—"Read them," the stor told the church councilman faceously and pushed a few books over his sk in direction of his visitor. "You ght need ideas for your sermons."

The councilman did not smile. He gered the books in silence, then said: wish I knew how to become a miner at my age."

This is how it began, Pastor LeRoy J. bbe of St. Paul's Church in Hastings, eb., recalls. A new chapter was about be written in the story of a life that had stly consisted of privations, chaos and ght.

Henry Yurk, 37, was born in Russia's rman Volga Republic. He is a graduate Marxstadt University and intended to beme a teacher. World War II came, and rk, reluctant to fight for a country to ich he felt no allegiance, fled to Germany, s drafted into the German army, and ded up as a prisoner in France in 1945.

Talking things over at the parsonage
Pastor LeRoy Dobbe and Henry Yurk

Six Yurks—and a bright new future
Fifth child, a girl, was born last October

He worked for three years on a French farm. In 1948 he returned to Germany and was reunited with his German wife, Hildegard. The PW became a DP.

Relatives helped the Yurks—there were three children by then—to come to Hastings. Henry worked as gardener and part-time stock room clerk. Another child was born, and then another. Henry took active interest in his congregation, St. Paul's. He became a councilman, evangelism visitor, chairman of a church census.

If he had been single, Henry would have decided to study for the ministry, but, he said, "my family has lived on a starvation diet before and I don't want to subject them to that again."

Pastor Dobbe told him about help the church might make available to him. Henry wrote to Germany to get some documentary proof of his past college education—his school diplomas were lost during the war.

Fremont's Central Seminary accepted what evidence he had to offer. Today Henry Yurk, American citizen with a wife and five children, is a regularly enrolled student at Central. He is "doing well" with his studies, Pastor Dobbe reports. And he is no longer working as a stock clerk. He is a full-time student now. Some day, in the future, he will be a pastor and look back to the years of chaos as if they had been a dream.

Church of the Master Is New Name for Cleveland Missio

By E. RUDOLPH WALBORN

COLUMBUS—A mission under development at Bedford, a Cleveland suburb, went out of its way to find a name for a United Lutheran congregation that, though new, would still be in keeping with the central emphasis of the church. Mission Developer Theodore Horner reported that members of the mission went over the names of 4,439 congregations in the ULC Year Book and then selected "Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Master."

Charter roll was opened Jan. 19 by 41. An evangelism mission now underway will provide further prospective members. Pastor Horner arrived in Bedford last June. A parsonage was purchased by the synod's home missions board. The first service was held Sept. 22.

Another unusual name was selected by the Trotwood (Dayton) mission under development by Pastor Dudley V. Riggle. The congregation will be known as Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Triumphant Cross. Organization is scheduled before the synod convention meets in May. Services are being held in the Trotwood school.

More Missions Planned

SIXTY-FIVE families in the West Milton-Englewood neighborhoods, north of Dayton, have met with Synod Mission Director Albert H. Buhl. Students from Hamma Divinity School will survey a three-mile wide belt between the two villages to find the best location for a church site.

At Eastlake, a Cleveland suburb, Pastor David S. Witwer has been at work since last May developing a mission. He has been holding services since last July in an Eastlake school. On Dec. 15 the charter membership roll was closed with more than enough members for acceptance of the future Reformation Church as a mission congregation by the synod in May. A church site has been purchased.

After five years' service as assistant pas at First English Church, Mansfield, Pas George M. Billman left Feb. 1 to go to Clairsville as mission developer. Prelimin study of the field was made in Decemb 1956, by Pastor Herbert F. Hamburger, a services have been conducted regularly si then by Hamma students. St. Clairsville in the Ohio River area in the southeast part of the state where few Ohio Synod c gregations have been planted. Developm of industrial plants in the area promise population increase and a widening field missionary action in the future.

Synod Close to 100 Per Ce

APPORTIONMENT receipts were $1,047,2 synod treasurer reported at the end of the y The amount was $3,122 less than the bud for synodical and ULC causes. Percentagew 99.7 per cent of the budget had been c tributed with 99.43 per cent going to U work. Lutheran World Action receipts $128,390 were 108.5 per cent of the quota.

At the suggestion of the synodical board stewardship and congregational life, the exe tive board has set in motion a "sector proje committee for the synod. Dr. W. Carl Sa Toledo, will serve as chairman. Other memb are Dr. Roland C. Matthies, Springfield; Pas J. Louis Wolf, Lakewood, and Charles Spreng, Mansfield. Director Leo F. Schw will provide staff help.

Pastor Andrew Kolarovsky has left F Church, Upper Sandusky, which last dedicated a new church plant, to serve Savior mission in Lancaster.

At Vermillion-on-the-Lake, near Lor services were held last summer by Ham Senior David F. Riley, and were contin by other students. Yet without organizati and awaiting a full-time mission develop the group sent four young men to a "m

Foreign missionary commissioned in Toledo
stor and Mrs. Cox with Dr. Schmidt (r.)

the ministry" retreat at Wittenberg in fall. At a November service Mission rector Albert H. Buhl baptized twenty ildren.

Pastor C. King Wynkoop who has been ssion developer at Christ Church, Cuya-ga Falls, has been assigned to the Cham-n-Champion Heights are north of War-n. A parsonage has been purchased by the nodical board of missions and organization congregation is expected within a year.

Commissioned for Foreign Post

William E. Cox, former pastor of Mes-h Church, Toledo, was commissioned n. 26 as foreign missionary. The service s conducted in the church he had served eight years by Dr. John Schmidt, a mem-r of the ULC Board of Foreign Missions d pastor of Indianola Church, Columbus. . Schmidt was the former pastor of Mr. ox when the latter was a student in semi-ry.

Pastor Cox, 34, is a graduate of Witten-rg College and Hamma Divinity School. d served Bethany Church, Cleveland, be-re becoming pastor in Toledo. He and rs. Cox will serve in British Guiana after ending a six-month study course at the w School of Missions in Chicago.

PENNSYLVANIA

Lehigh Valley Churches Building and Renovating

By HENRY W. SNYDER, JR.

Allentown—Plans for construction of new churches and educational units are pyramiding among Lutheran congregations of the Lehigh Valley.

St. John's Church, Easton, is in the midst of a drive to raise $156,000 for renovation of its Sunday school building and the church interior. This is the first major building improvement project for St. John's in 50 years.

Heidelberg Union Church, near Slatington, launched a campaign to raise $90,000 for additions and renovations to the church and educational building. St. John's Church, Nazareth, approved preliminary plans for a new Christian education building and for renovation of the present Sunday school rooms.

Gifts to the building fund at St. Matthew's Church, Bethlehem, totaled $21,000 in 1957. Anticipated receipts will enable the congregation to erect its new church building in 1961, according to Dr. William Berkemeyer, pastor.

Early Sanction for Hospital

American Hospital Association has accepted the Muhlenberg Medical Center for membership—months before the start of construction. "It is fairly unusual for a hospital to be accepted into membership before it has begun functioning," said Leo C. Connolly, fund campaign director.

The building committee has approved preliminary plans for the first unit, the five-story "Chronic and Geriatric" building. Clarence A. Reichard, committee chairman, said this unit was given priority because of the "great urgency for this type of facility in the Lehigh Valley." Quick approval of the plans is sought so that building can begin July 1.

Three more Allentown Conference par-

Building in progress at Shoenersville Church
Air age claimed a victim—an 80-foot tower

The Tower: Courtesy of Airport

CHRIST UNION CHURCH in Shoenersville, Pa., didn't consider the hazards of air travel when it built an 80-foot tower in the immediate neighborhood of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport. The tower, the airport authority declared, was dangerous to planes coming in for a landing, and had to go. And so, the 178-year-old congregation is getting a new tower, 25 feet shorter than the old one, with the compliments of the airport authority which footed the bill for the $28,000 project.

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ishes are without pastors since the first of the year. The Rev. John W. Early retired from the five-church Mt. Bethel parish, which he served for the last ten years. The Rev. Luther B. Klick died suddenly Jan. 26 after preaching that day in three of the four churches in the Plainfield parish, which he served 33 years. The Rev. John Bergstresser resigned the pastorate of Holy Trinity Church, Northampton, to accept a call to Grace Church, Royersford. He had served in Northampton since October, 1956.

Missionaries Address Women

PASTOR AND MRS. HECTOR MAGALEE, British Guiana, and Dr. and Mrs. Edwa Horn, former missionaries to Japan, spo at the winter meeting of the United L theran Church Women, Allentown Conf ence, in St. Stephen's Church, Allentow A new ULCW unit from Zion Church, C Zionsville, was welcomed into the conf ence organization.

MRS. RUTH KEMMERER is the new pre dent of the Lehigh Valley Lutheran Nurs Guild. Next meeting is at St. John's Chur Allentown, on March 18.

PRE-CONFIRMATION RALLY of the Beth hem Lutheran Pastoral Association will held March 23 in St. John's Church, Far ersville. Pastor Elwood Reitz, of Selle ville, will preach.

ANNUAL Christmas project at St. Mar Church, Nescopeck, is gathering of "wh gifts" for Topton Home. This year's offeri topped previous records, as packages w piled up in front of chancel.

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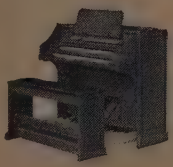

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Conference Inner Mission Reports on Expanding Wo

By JEANNE W. WEBER

GETTYSBURG—West Penn Inner Miss received 64 case referrals since the oper of the agency's office in March, 1957, I Henry T. Bream, executive director, repo last month.

Volunteer chaplains are being sponso in 28 homes and institutions in the f county West Penn area. The ministry the deaf, also a concern of inner miss work, has been extended. Monthly serv in sign language are held throughout area by Pastor H. Earl Schlotzhauer of Upper Bermudian charge.

Since the inner mission agency was c tered in June, 1956, financial support been granted by 42 of the 81 churches in conference. Members of area congregati are also being enlisted in volunteer serv —aiding golden age clubs, helping in office, making home visits and helping find foster homes.

Nawakwa Announces 1958 Pla

CAMP NAWAKWA, leadership training ca at Arendtsville, will open registrati March 1 for the 1958 season, Pastor J. Bishop, Nawakwa director, announc Building plans for 1958 include the erect of a new infirmary.

An evaluation committee is studying s ior camp curriculum which may be revi for the 1959 season. The committee is co posed of representatives from the ULC I ish Education Board, the Nawaka Alu Association, the camp director and the a ciate directors of the senior age camps.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Gettysburg, is c ducting a "Faith and Life School" for weeks for members and friends of the c gregation. Courses include classes on chu membership and religious education.

The conference Christian education co mittee announces plans for two vacat church school training workshops for 19 Workshops will be held April 17 in F

urch, Carlisle, and April 22 in Trinity urch, Chambersburg.

Conference's social missions committee is anging congregational visitations to in- m church councils on evangelism, inner ssion, and social action work. Visits will made by trained laymen and pastors rking in teams to meet with each congre- ion in the conference area after the nten season. Emphasis will be on all ases of social mission work. Pastor Her- n G. Stuempfle, Gettysburg, is chairman the committee.

Evangelism Schools Held In Allegheny Conferences

By ROBERT G. SANDER

JOHNSTOWN—Evangelism objectives for 1958 were explained to pastors and lay leaders of the East and West Allegheny Conferences at special lay schools in the past month.

Two schools were held in the East Allegheny territory, at Zion Church, Hollidaysburg, on Jan. 19, and at St. John's

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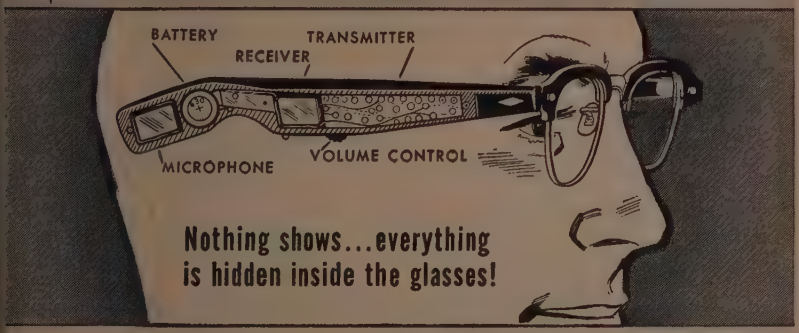

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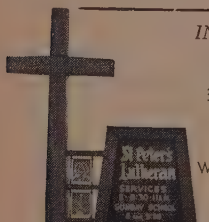

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Church, Clearfield, on Feb. 9. The R Henry G. Springer, of Tyrone, was chairm for the Hollidaysburg school; Dr. F. Willia Brandt, of St. Clairsville, conducted Bible study, and the Rev. Cedric W. Tilbe of First Church, Altoona, gave the inspi tional address.

Three schools were held in West A gheny—at Trinity Church, Somerset, Feb. 2; at First Church, Johnstown, Feb. and at Trinity Church, Bedford, Feb. 16

The Rev. Arthur E. M. Yeagy, assista to the president of Central Pennsylvar Synod, conducted the Bible study at all th schools. Guest speakers were Pastor berg, at Somerset; the Rev. John L. Rein of Latrobe, at Johnstown, and the Rev. Harry F. Baughman, of Gettysburg, Bedford.

Temporary Parsonage Burns

A TWO-STORY HOUSE used as a tempora parsonage by the Rev. Sterlen S. Sheaf and his family at Newry was destroyed fire on Jan. 10. Pastor and Mrs. Sheaf and their one child escaped without inju but most of their personal property destroyed or damaged.

The Sheaffers had expected to move i a new parsonage, then under constructi in about a month. In the emergency th occupied the new home immediately, thou it hadn't quite been completed.

Fiftieth Anniversary Marked

TEMPLE EIGHTH CHURCH, Altoona, is serving its 50th anniversary with spec services Feb. 16-20. A congregational ner is scheduled Feb. 18. George C. Se fert is co-chairman of the event. The R Harold S. Knoll is pastor.

WILLIAM K. GOOD, of Johnstown, was elected president of the board of directors Camp Sequanota, Jennerstown. Other ficers retained at the annual meeting in Calvary Church, Johnstown: Pastor M. Ross, Friedens, vice president; Pastor Ri ard L. Tomer, Bedford, secretary, and E. Shaulis, Holsopple, treasurer.

OMERSET PASTORAL ASSOCIATION named Rev. Donald R. Yost, of Berlin, president for 1958. Robert E. Thomas, of Sipesville, is vice president, and Clarence C. Otto, Stoystown, secretary-treasurer.

ALTOONA PASTORAL ASSOCIATION elected Conor A. Carlson president, Vernon G. Miller vice president, and Ernest G. Werner, secretary-treasurer.

JOHNSTOWN PASTORAL ASSOCIATION named Charles W. Aurand president, Franklyn K. Harris vice president, and George E. Nein, secretary-treasurer.

Passavant Hospital Votes Relocation in North Hills

By LUTHER E. FACKLER

PITTSBURGH—Passavant Hospital will be located in the North Hills section of Pittsburgh, the institution's corporate body decided at its annual meeting. The exact site will be chosen later.

Passavant Hospital has been operating at Reed and Roberts Sts., in the Hill District, for more than a century. Its activities have been hampered by increasing blight in the neighborhood. The decision to move was made a year ago, and since then a committee has been studying possible locations.

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At the same time Thiel College reported more than $700,000 in cash received against the $1,050,000 pledged for its development fund.

GROUNDBREAKING for a new science hall and dedication of the recently completed women's dormitory highlighted the 92nd Founders' Day ceremonies at Thiel College, Greenville. The science unit is schedu to be completed by September, 1959.

High priority under the 20-year devel ment plan is given to a student center additional dormitories.

Service Paper Renamed

"HEARTBEAT" is the new name of monthly news sheet of the Lutheran Serv Society of Western Pennsylvania. Fr 1916 it had been known as the *Luther Service Society Worker.*

The society is now extending its serv to care for patients in the nursing homes Allegheny County. It also is the receivi station for clothing collected in the area Lutheran World Relief. A total of 26,4 pounds was shipped after the Thanksgivi drive.

LAY SCHOOLS of evangelism are being co ducted throughout the synod, with comm tees from each congregation attending. T purpose is to help every parish achieve 1958 evangelism objectives.

FIRST ENGLISH CHURCH, Zelienople, is 1 years old. During all but 11 years of th time a member of the Passavant family h been on the church council.

This year Charles S. Passavant, 3d, co pleted 22 years of service, mostly as sec tary of the council. His father and gra father served before him.

Herbert B. Beighly has been treasurer f 44 years. But Charles S. Passavant, Sr., he that office from the congregation's foundi in 1843 until his death in 1894—51 year

—CHANGES OF PASTORATE—

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FLECHTNER, ROBERT. From Zion Church Bristol, Conn. To St. Paul's Church Rensselaer, N. Y.

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DECEASED

REV. LUTHER B. KLICK, 63, pastor e Plainfield, Pa., parish, died Jan. 26 ind Gap.

native of Pine Grove, Pa., Pastor Klick a graduate of Muhlenberg College and delphia Seminary.

e had served the four-church Plainfield h—Jehovah Church, Nazareth; Grace ch, Belfast; and Trinity and St. Peter's ches, Wind Gap—for 31 years. Before ng to this parish he served a Washing-lle, Pa., congregation.

stor Klick is survived by his wife, the er Lura Rissinger; a daughter, Mrs. h Hodick, Berwick; and two grand-ren.

neral services were conducted Jan. 29 . Peter's Church by Pennsylvania Min-um President Charles M. Cooper and ntown Conference President Earl R. iler.

terment was at Plainfield, Pa.

RS. R. GERTRUDE ORTLEPP, 88, w of Dr. E. E. Ortlepp, Greenville, , died Nov. 25.

. Ortlepp served St. Paul's Church, nville, for 29 years. He was a member e Wartburg Synod.

neral services were conducted Nov. 27 t. Paul's Church by Pastor Samuel lich and Dr. E. E. Flack of Hamma ity School.

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IN CONCLUSION

THERE'S A SPOT in the marriage service where the minister asks anyone who can show just cause why the two may not be lawfully joined together to "speak now or forever hold his peace." Very rarely (except in the movies) has anyone interrupted the service at this point. The invitation serves a useful purpose, however. No one can later claim that he had no chance to stop the wedding.

There's some similarity between this demand in the wedding ceremony and the dramatic plea made by Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz at the recent National Lutheran Council meeting. The ULC secretary, who is president of the council, appealed for "union now" of all eight churches in the council, instead of piecemeal mergers.

Seven are involved in two separate unions. Three plan to unite in 1961 into The American Lutheran Church (the American, Evangelical and United Evangelical churches). Four others are discussing merger (Augustana, United, American Evangelical and Suomi).

THE REINARTZ BID won't halt current merger plans. However, he is voicing the stand which the United Lutheran Church has taken ever since its organization in 1918. It then kept the door open for other church bodies to "unite with us in one general organization."

Two years ago the "one general organization" seemed as remote as ever, but the ULC found an ally in Augustana. Together the two churches urgently invited all Lutherans in America (including the Missouri Synod, which is not part of the National Lutheran Council) to "give real evidence of our unity" by meeting together to discuss organic union. It was a gracious, honest, open invitation. church bodies were invited in on t own terms. But the silence was dea The only favorable reaction came f the two inviting bodies and two sm churches, one of which had already b contemplating entering the ULC. rest said they'd think about it or spectfully declined."

We wonder often why everyone t about Lutheran unity when so few ready to do anything about it. The no sharp division of doctrine or pract especially among the eight NLC bo They use the same church school less will soon all sing from the same hym follow the same order of service.

If the roadblocks are not doctri they must stem from practical or polit considerations. Because the ULC is largest, others may feel that they wo lose some of their influence by merg with it. That this is groundless is s in the makeup of the present Joint C mission on Lutheran Unity, where des their difference in size the ULC Augustana each has 13 voting memb

CURRENT MERGER PLANS will p duce two church bodies of fairly eq strength. Perhaps each can then fee is speaking to the other on an equal pla Both merger commissions have expres the willingness to talk with the other. they do so, the present merger patt can be a wholesome stepping-stone to all-Lutheran unity we seek. And if Missouri Synod can get over its preoc pation with doctrinal doubts it might a third equal-sized body be a sort balance-of-power entrant into the ev tual union of all America's Lutherans

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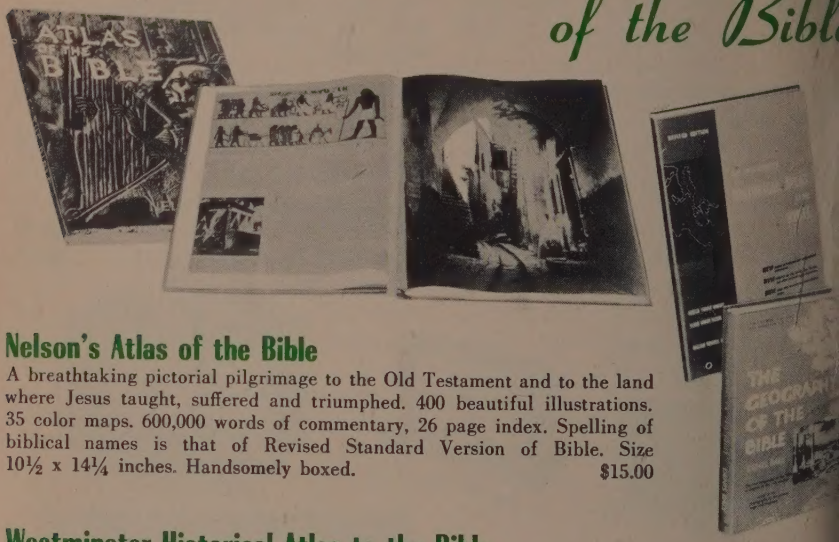

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